

WINTER WEATHER IS HERE!



Now that winter weather is upon us we are asking for your help in preparing all students to be able to go outside and play in the cold and the snow while staying as dry as possible. We can't predict how the weather might change throughout the day but as long as the temperature does not drop below a "feel like" temp of 25 degrees, all kids will be going outside every day. All students should be prepared for the great outdoors which means that they should have a hat, gloves/mittens, snow pants and boots packed in their backpack. As a reminder, please write your name/initials on all of your belongings. As always, we are here to help so if you are in need of a coat or any other winter gear, please stop by the front foyer at any time to take a look at what is available.

A Clean up Request



We LOVE dogs here at Wakefield School but we HATE what they leave behind on the field and playground. Please be diligent about picking up after your dog. There should be bags next to the Sari Sanctuary. Thank you! ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️



SURVEY WORKS

The Rhode Island Department of Education has reinstated the Survey Works survey for students, parents/guardian, teachers and support professionals. The survey is anonymous and voluntary and seeks to find information regarding School Safety, Learning Strategies, Valuing of School, Family Support, School Climate, Learning Behaviors, Rigorous Expectations, Family Engagement and Teacher-Student Relationships.

How do you participate?

You should get an email on February 6th from Panorama inviting you to take the survey online. You can request a paper copy of the survey by contacting me at 360-1402. On February 10, during parent conferences, computers will be available in the library. The survey window for parents is February 6 through March 31.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be coming home on February 9th. Parent~Teacher Conferences are on Friday, February 10th. There is no school on this day. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you haven't already done so.



Growth Mindset: What is it?

Growth Mindset is a belief system that suggests intelligence can be grown or developed with persistence, effort, and focus on learning. Together as a school community we are learning about what it means to have a Growth Mindset. Ask your student(s) about my new bulletin board. We are learning that *“A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new.”* Albert Einstein. Students are being asked to think of a time where they have worked hard at something and made a mistake because something was hard or new **but** have learned from that mistake. They are putting their picture up on the bulletin board so we can recognize their effort and their learning.

PTO NEWS

- February 8th Cultural Arts Show: Corey the Dribbler- Anti Bullying message
- February 9th Movie Night
- February 9th Green Line Apothecary Day! We hope you got over to Green Line to enjoy a treat and help out the PTO as well.
- February 15 PTO sponsored CARES Spelling BEE
- February 16, 6:00- PTO meeting

Winter Break 2/20-2/24



Attendance Matters

Did you know.....

- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days or about 18 days. That can be just one day every two weeks, and that can happen before you know it.
- It doesn't matter if these absences are excused or unexcused. They all represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- Preschool is a great time to start building a habit of good attendance. Studies show that poor attendance in preschool can predict absenteeism in later grades.
- By middle and high school, chronic absence is a leading warning sign that a student will drop out.
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom. Kids and teachers rely on each other to be in school and on time.