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News from the Principal's Office

Being an East Hartford educator is special! It means I get to genuinely be myself and incorporate my personality, teaching and leaderships skills. Each year I feel incredibly humbled and proud as I see another group of young people graduate and embrace the next chapter in their lives. It is bittersweet of course in that I feel an incredible sense of pride but also mourning at this year's graduation ceremony. Pride that another band of students are off to begin a new and exciting time, but also mourning that so many of these students I had come to become friendly with are leaving for the final time. From the teaching staff at Woodland, I share this incredible privilege of not only teaching but learning from the graduating class of 2021. It has truly been a pandemic year to remember but I am certain we can all snicker at this year and be proud we collectively have outlasted the pandemic. Good luck Woodland class of 2021!

Transition

Transition students have continued to participate in BRS's virtual Career Readiness workshops. Students are learning employability skills along with how to prepare for their first job. Teachers have been reinforcing these valuable skills in the classroom as well, focusing specifically on how to prepare for a job interview. Students have also been meeting with Mrs. Spiesman to talk about summer work opportunities and part-time employment. Ask your son and daughter what they have learned about getting their first job!

In the classroom, we're continuing to learn about current events. We watch the CNN 10 daily student news, and have been following updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. Did you know there is a shortage of computer chips and ketchup packets, as a result of the pandemic? In Science, we're continuing to learn about the human body systems, specifically how our bodies fight off illnesses like the coronavirus.

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SEL News

As we continue to work day after day addressing student's social, emotional, and academic success we also have the CSDE- and how the Connecticut State Department of Education is Leading Social-Emotional Learning to provide a snapshot of the great work that is already taking place in districts and identify emerging concerns and trends related to SEL for K-12 students across the state. There are great resources on the Social Emotional Learning Hub for families: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/Professional-Support-Series-for-Families>. This is a great support for early childhood, English learners, behavioral and emotional support, support for students with special needs and virtual conversation series for Parents and Families on supporting children's learning during COVID-19. Video can be accessed by the following link : <https://youtu.be/tN57satujFA>. Family Tips: Providing Social and Emotional Support to Children. Many resources are available for families : https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/PSSF/040720_Social-Emotional-Family-Resources.pdf

Unified Arts

Health Tips from Mr. Nadler: The days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer so now is a great time to get fit. Let's shed those few extra winter pounds by getting outside and moving your body. Did you know that walking exercises your brain as well as your body? Researchers have found that regular aerobic exercise like walking appears to increase the size of the hippocampus, the region of the brain responsible for memory. The benefits can be pretty immediate. Wow!!! Who wouldn't want to be smarter and more fit? The time is now, give it a try and reap the benefits. It's fun to be fit and healthy!!!

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Middle School News

In Mr. Sullivan's Math class, we continue to work on Math Minutes. We are also using the Word Wall website to learn and become more fluent with basic multiplication fact. It is educational and students are having fun learning their facts.

Mrs. Ryan's class is focused on doing their best in the 4th quarter, as we prepare for 8th grade. In Science we are investigating Tsunamis, in Social Studies we are immersed in Australia, in Math we will be finding the range of a data set and then working on basic geometry skills. In Reading we will continue to work on writing, vocabulary skills, and strengthening our comprehension skills.

Mrs. Enamait's class we are engaging in several virtual field trips around America, learning about the culture, climate, and tourist spots in Social Studies. In Science, we are studying natural selection and adaptations of animals. In Math class we are working on linear equations and graphing. We are working hard to finish strong and be well prepared for high school.

In the past month in Mrs. Lewin's room, we have welcomed back many of our remote learners! We have enjoyed opening up our in-school social circle and getting reacquainted with each other face-to-face. During this month, we also had the fantastic opportunity to plan out and engage in a classroom celebration day thanks to Moby Max (our online adaptive computer program for Math and Language)! After working as a class team, we collectively and dedicatedly put in our Moby minutes to earn us Moby points. The outcome...we scored their class celebration reward! Two times over!! With the money they graciously funded for our hard work, we were able to celebrate with a fun-tastic pizza party. Work hard, play harder!

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Elementary School News

Ms. Pollick's class is focusing on where we are on the map and being members of a community. She is also continuing working on phonemic awareness skills, decoding skills, reading comprehension, and math skills.

Mrs. Fidler's class is working on reading words with digraphs in them, writing cvc words, sentences with appropriate punctuation and capitalization, reading comp.: main idea and details, story elements, counting to 120, place value to 100 and two digit subtraction with regrouping. We are also going to learn about Earth Day and protecting our environment this week.

Mrs. Balda's class worked on Earth day activities, they explored recycling and community in areas of Science and Social Studies. They are also continuing to work on phonemic awareness skills, decoding skills, reading comprehension, and math skills.

High School News

It is a busy time for our high school students! Fourth-quarter has begun; progress reports will be given out on May 7, 2021. Students are working diligently to keep those grades up, to finish the year strong, and to be recognized for the fourth-quarter honors.

College acceptance letters are starting to roll in and our seniors have been awarded some scholarships to various institutions. For seniors who are looking to pursue full-time employment or other post-secondary avenues, please see Mrs. Spiesman in Guidance.

Graduation for our seniors is slated for May 28, 2021. More details regarding graduation will follow soon!!

