



WADDELL NEWS



Michael Moynihan, Principal

February 2015

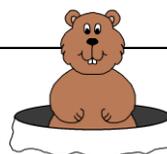
Principal's Message

We appreciate your patience as we've been working to make pick up and drop as safe as it can be. As you read in last month's newsletter our committee made up of parents, teachers, town engineer, police department and I have met to make adjustments. These changes will better address the traffic and safety concerns that have been brought up since our change on November 1st.

- February 6th, Changes to locations and procedures for all grades will be sent out with visuals
- February 11th and February 13th, Additional reminders will also be sent out.
- February 18th, new procedures will be put into place for arrival and dismissal of students.
- Please check your email, the Waddell PTA Facebook page and the Waddell School website as full color visuals will be placed on these media.
- If you have any questions, comments or concerns, don't hesitate to email the committee at waddellparkingcommittee@gmail.com
- We thank you in advance for your cooperation, support and patience as we strive to make Waddell as safe as possible for our families.

February is always a fun filled month. We will celebrate Black History Month, Ground Hog Day, Presidents' Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Valentine's Day. Our classroom reading libraries are filled with culturally responsive materials that will allow teachers to celebrate black history with their students. According to folklore, if it's cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow, then spring will come early; if it's sunny, the groundhog will see it's shadow and go back into its burrow and the winter weather continues for six more weeks. I'm hoping it's cloudy so the winter will end soon!!! Children are welcome to exchange Valentine cards, however we ask that NO CANDY be sent in as it is not allowed with the district's wellness policy. If candy is brought in or attached to Valentine cards, we will regretfully have to refuse it and send it back home with your child. If exchanging cards, please be sure every child in the class receives one to avoid any disappointments. National Random Acts of Kindness Day is on February 17th. At Waddell we encourage random acts of kindness every day and acknowledge them during the morning announcements for everyone to celebrate.

February Date Book



Feb 2	Ground Hog Day
Feb 3	PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm – Library
Feb 4	½ day of school ~ Dismissal at 1:17 pm ~ lunch served
Feb 10	Family Resource Center – Lunch Bunch – Gr K PTA Project Playground – Sweetfrog Night 6:00 – 9:00
Feb 11	100 th Day of School
Feb 13	Gr 4 – Field Trip – West Hartford Children's Museum
Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day
Feb 16	NO SCHOOL – President's Day
Feb 17	NO SCHOOL – Mid-winter Recess Day National Random Acts of Kindness Day
Feb 18	New Pick-up / Drop-off Begins PTA Munson's Fundraiser begins (supporting Grade 5)
Feb 19	Pep Rally
Feb 20	PTA – School Store
Feb 24	Gr 3 – Field Trip – CT Trash Museum Family Resource Center – Lunch Bunch – Gr 1
Feb 26	Science Fair – Gym – 6:30-8:00
Feb 27	Dr. Seuss – Read Across America Day
Feb 28	Gr 4 & 5 – Field Trip ~ UCONN Basketball Game

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Mr. Michael Moynihan
Principal

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Secretary

860-647-3392

Mrs. Carol Walker
Nurse

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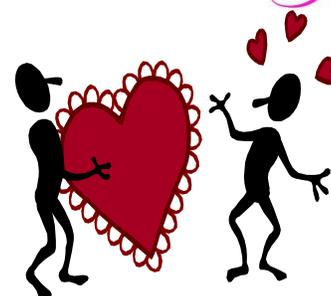
Mrs. Melissa Lawton
Social Worker
860-647-5697 (ext 73398)

Cafeteria
860-647-3396

Mrs. Renee Bryan
Family Resource Center
860-645-4816

**Attendance and
Weather Hot Line**
860-647-3399

*Happy
Valentine's Day*





Nurse's Corner

February Heart Healthy Facts

- Daily exercise keeps the heart muscle strong
- A diet low in trans fats and saturated fats help keep arteries from becoming blocked
- Smoking strains the heart
- Five or more servings of fruits and vegetables ensures the body gets the vitamins and minerals the heart needs



Library News



**Many NEW Books
have arrived
in our Library**

Read ... Read ... Read



Please remind your child to RETURN the books they borrow each week



PTA Updates

Family Dance

Sorry .. It has been changed to June!

Next PTA Meetings

Feb 3rd ~ 6:30 pm ~ Gym
March 4th ~ 3:50 pm ~ Gym

All are invited to attend! Free Babysitting is available.

Sweet Frog Night

Rescheduled for Feb 10th
(Help support Project Playground)

School Store ~ Feb 20th

Phys Ed Pulse

Students in all grades are doing a great job in our Adventure Education Unit with the Rockwall and Ropes

REMEMBER ...

Look at the calendar ..
Make a note of gym days when choosing what to wear to school.



Students NEED to have their SNEAKERS ON to participate fully in gym class!

Shop for Education

Stop & Shop and / or Shop Rite

Stop by the Customer Service Desk
To register your courtesy card #



The school earns points every time you shop.
We can receive great educational supplies

Please Join and Update Every Year!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Read Across America Day
February 27th

Readers Needed!!

Join us to celebrate
Read Across American
and Dr. Seuss's Birthday

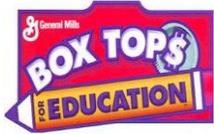
Watch for details coming home
Sign-up to join the celebration



Remember to KEEP READING!

Education Labels

February 1st – May 1st



All Box Tops collected will go toward Project Playground



Send in your Box Tops and Labels for Education

Helpful Hints

Almost everywhere your children look, there's something for them to read. Here are some suggestions:

Crayons - from red to cornflower blue, help your child read the color of the crayon in his box.

Instructions - Ask him to help you read directions before you play a board game or build a toy.

Menus - Save carryout menus so your children can look for food words that they recognize. In restaurants, the can read the children's menu.

Packages - Have them read the cereal box while they eat breakfast or find words they know on the cracker box when they have a snack.

Project Playground



Sweet Frog Night Rescheduled to

CRAZY HAIR DAY



Crazy Hair Day
\$1.00
Class with the most participation

PTA Fundraiser

Munson's Chocolate Fundraiser

February 18th - March 4th



All proceeds will be going to help support the 5th grade End-of-the-Year Party!

All orders will arrive before Easter!

Any questions and/or volunteers, please contact Melissa King at Melissaking1985@aol.com

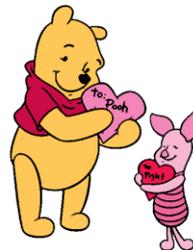
Valentine's Day

February 14th

The Manchester Board of Education Wellness policy

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DBS Highlights

We had another Fabulous Friday! All students who participated earned it by being Respectful Waddell Students!

Earn your tickets so you can earn your fun!



Our next Pep Rally is February 19th

Always respect Self
Always respect Others
Always respect Your School

Family Resource Center L-O-V-E

Celebrating LOVE should happen every month not just in February. For our children the gift of love is simple and not expensive all they want is TIME!

Here are some ways to remind our children we love them throughout the year.

1. Start your day on a positive note
2. Send a note in your child's lunchbox or backpack
3. Tell your child a story about something they did when they were little
4. Read, Dance, Sing or Play together
5. Turn off electronics .. talk and Listen
6. End the day on a positive note

Pick-up and Drop-off

New procedures will begin February 18th

Watch for details to be sent home!



Thank you!

The Pick-up/Drop-off Committee
waddellparkingcommittee@gmail.com



Inclement Weather



Please listen carefully to the TV or Radio for announcements and updates!

Late Openings ~ 90 Minutes

School begins at 10:35am

DO NOT DROP your child off unsupervised.

Early Closing ~ 1:17 pm

Be sure your child knows exactly what to do and where to go on these days!

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.

At times, no one will be available to answer the phone.



Get Weather Alerts by **Text Message or E-Mail**

*** * FREE * ***

Log on to the internet:

Select your favorite TV News Station

CBS ~ wfsb.com NBC ~ wvit.com

ABC ~ wtnh.com

Select school closings in Weather Menu

Sign-up for **FREE** Alert System

Enter your cell phone # for **Text Message Alert** or E-Mail Address for **E-Mail Notification**

Be sure to confirm your information using your confirmation number

REMINDER



NO Breakfast is served on 90-minute Late Opening Days!

Back Playground Area

For the Safety of ALL CHILDREN

Please

DO NOT Drive Vehicles on the Back Playground



The gates are open for snow removal purposed only!

Title IX Notice

Title IX is a federal law which states: "No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal assistance."

Manchester's Title IX coordinator is: Ms. Terri Smith Manchester Public Schools
45 North School Street Manchester, CT 06042
Phone: 860-647-5075 Fax: 860-647-5068

Please be sure to update the office if you have:

New Emergency Contacts

Updated mailing info

New Phone number's

E-mail changes

