



# Waddell News



Michael Moynihan, Principal

December 2014

## Principal's Message

December is here! It's hard to believe we are having our first conferences on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all of the families that are taking time out of their busy schedules to come to the school to meet with the teachers. As you know, it's a team effort and we are working together to educate all of our students. If you are unable to attend a conference for your child, please contact the teacher so another date can be set up.

Our students are very busy learning at Waddell. As I visit numerous classrooms throughout the day, I see very exciting activities taking place. I see guided math and reading groups. With these groups, the teacher puts the students into small groups where they are engaged in standards-based, and rigorous learning opportunities where the teacher focuses on a particular concept, strategy or skill. This allows teachers to facilitate learning through hands-on, scaffolded conversations and intensive questioning. The students are really enjoying these guided groups where they can learn exactly what they need to know at their instructional level and get immediate feedback.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the PTA sponsored a forum where parents could voice their opinions on our new pick up and drop off procedure. It was a very productive meeting where excellent feedback and suggestions were given. It was really nice to hear from parents about new ideas to improve the safety of our students. A committee of teachers and parents will meet in the very near future to take all of the ideas and explore further options.

I hope that everyone enjoys the winter recess that's coming up and has a healthy 2015!

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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**Principal**

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**E-mail**

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**Mrs. Lisa Miner**

**Secretary**

**860-647-3392**

**Mrs. Carol Walker**

**Nurse**

**860-647-3394**

**Mrs. Melissa Lawton**

**Social Worker**

**860-647-3398**

**Cafeteria**

**860-647-3396**

**Attendance and  
Weather Hot Line**

**860-647-3399**

## December Date Book



Dec 1 – Dec 5	Book Fair ~ Library (open during conferences)
Dec 2 – Dec 4	Report Card Conferences ~ <b>Dismissal 1:17 pm</b> ~ lunch served
Dec 2 – Dec 16	Annual Lights of Love Coin Collection
Dec 4 – Dec 9	PTA – Project Playground Bookfair at Barnes & Noble ( <i>look for details</i> )
Dec 5 & 12	Holiday School Store (open during lunch waves)
Dec 9	Gr 2 – Mystic Aquarium visits
Dec 10	½ day of school ~ <b>Dismissal at 1:17 pm</b> ~ lunch served
Dec 11	Gr K – Lutz Museum visits
	PTA – Project Playground – Bertucci's Day
Dec 12	Gr 1 – Mystic Aquarium visits
Dec 18	Winter Concert ~ 2:00 pm
	PM – Winter Wonderland Family Fitness Night ~ 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm
Dec 19	PTA – Projection Playground – Wacky Tacky / Ugly Sweater Day (\$1.00)
	Gr 3 – Field Trip – Hartford Science Center
Dec 21	First Day of Winter
Dec 23	Regular <b>FULL</b> day of school
Dec 24 – Jan 2	Holiday Vacation ~ <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Jan 5</b>	<b>Vacation ends ~ School reopens</b>

*Have a Happy,  
Healthy and Safe  
Holiday!*





## Nurse's Corner

We still have outdoor recess during the winter on nice days! Please dress your child accordingly

- Exercise has been shown to boost your immune system and help protect against some illness.

Wishing you a Safe and Healthy New Year!

## Library News



### Winter Book Fair

Dec 1st - Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Open during Parent Conferences

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Available now On-line

The link to online store is on the Waddell Website (homepage)



Thank you for your generous support of the Book Fair

## PTA Updates



### Holiday School Store

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> & Dec 12<sup>th</sup>

Students can visit during lunch waves  
Watch for an envelope list to be sent home

### Next PTA Meeting

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:50 pm ~ in the Library

Everyone is welcome

**FREE childcare is provided by the PTA!**

## PE News



Winter Wonderland Family Fitness Night

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm

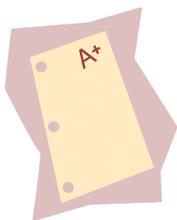
Students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for the entire evening event

Please Pre-Register by Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

A BLUE notice has been sent home  
Parent Signatures required and # attending

Please remember to wear your sneakers!

## Parent ~ Teacher Conferences



December 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup>

**LUNCH IS SERVED**

All students dismiss 1:17 pm

All students must be picked up promptly!

Please make every effort to keep your scheduled appointment time with your child's teacher.

## Lights of Love



Penny / Coin Collection

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup>

Our annual collection will be given to  
**MACC**

(Manchester Area Conference of Churches)

To help those in need in Manchester



The class that collects the most will light the Lights of Love Tree

Thank you for your support!

## SCHOOL HOURS

**First Bell Rings ~ 8:55 am**

### **Breakfast**

Doors open at 8:40 am and students enter through the Recess Door

### **Tardy to Class**

Students should be in class ready to start the day by 9:05 am



Please make every effort to have your child arrive on time!

### **Dismissal ~ 3:25 pm**

Students become very concerned when parents are late to pick them up at dismissal time and the office cannot provide after school childcare.

**All visitors must register at the office.**

## Inclement Weather

### Late Openings



Listen to the TV or Radio for school cancellations or late openings (90 minutes = 10:35 am)

**NO Breakfast on Late Openings**



### Early Closing

Listen to the TV or Radio for any early dismissals (1:17 pm)



### MELC / 21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs

All programs are CANCELLED if school closes early

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

**The office cannot provide after school childcare**

**FREE - FREE - FREE**

## **Receive a FREE text message when school is Closed or Opening Late or Closing Early**

Log on to your local news station and register your cell phone

Example: wfsb.com

*select* – **School Closings**

*select* – **Get School Closing Alerts**

*enter* – **Your Name and Cell Phone Number**

Select all school groups you would like to be notified about



**December 4th**

*(Support Project Playground)*

***Shop In-store ~ Bring your voucher***

- Winter themed activities for all ages
- Scavenger Hunt
- Bookmark Creation
- Lego fun

***OR Shop On-line***

Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support the school online 12/4/12 – 12/9/14  
School ID #: 11515004

## Winter Music Concert

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00 pm**

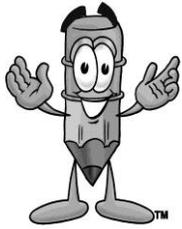
featuring:

Band with Mr. Garrison  
Orchestra with Ms. Jordan  
and Song Sharing by all students  
with Mrs. Kerkin-Bundy



**Please feel free to attend  
the concert !**

## Holiday School Store



December 5<sup>th</sup>  
and  
December 12<sup>th</sup>

Open during  
Lunch / Recess

Most items \$11.00 and under

## Box Tops

Help earn money for Waddell

Send in your  
Box Tops for  
Education



**Wacky Tacky and/or  
Ugly Sweater Day**  
(Support Project Playground)



**December 19th**  
**\$1.00**

Wear your Tacky outfits or  
Favorite Ugly Sweater all day

Thank you for your support!

### 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: 860-647-3595 Fax: 860-647-3327

## *P.B.S. Highlights*

Fabulous Friday  
December 12<sup>th</sup>



Remember if we earn our tickets  
we will earn our fun!

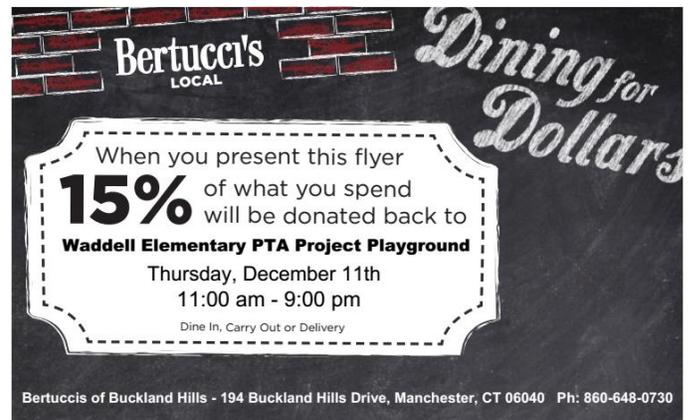
Keep up the good work  
so you don't miss  
out on our next  
great event!

**R**  
**E** **Self!**  
**S**  
**P** **Others!**  
**E**  
**C** **School!**  
**T**

## **Bertucci's Day**

December 11<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am – 9:00 pm

*15% of proceeds will  
support Project Playground*



$\frac{1}{2}$  Day of  
School

Wednesday  
December 10<sup>th</sup>

Lunch is Served

C - day

