



# Dunbar Hill School Newsletter

November

2018

## Principal's Corner

This month, DHS has been working diligently both in the classroom and in the community. The various field trips and visits by Hamden High School students and Arden House residents have made positive connections to our town. AAA recently sponsored a Safety Patrol Program that gives a dozen 6<sup>th</sup> graders some responsibilities that help to keep DHS safe. We are looking forward to our Spirit Days/Weeks that begin on November 5<sup>th</sup> with Jersey day.

## News From the Media Center



Kindergarten is planning a field trip to Miller Library. First Grade is learning about using the computer safely. We've been learning about library skills in Grade 3 and 4. Grade 5 and 6 have been learning about tools like Biblionasium that help them find good books to read on their own and track their reading.



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<b>BOE Meeting - District Restructuring</b>	<b>Thurs. 11/1</b> HMS 7:00 pm
<b>Spirit Wear - Jersey Day</b>	<b>Mon. 11/5</b>
<b>No School - Election Day</b>	<b>Tues. 11/6</b>
<b>No School - Veterans' Day Observed</b>	<b>Mon. 11/12</b>
<b>PTA Meeting</b>	<b>Wed. 11/14</b> 6:30 - 7:30 pm
<b>Hamden Education Foundation Athletic Awards Dinner</b>	<b>Wed. 11/14</b> 6:00 pm
<b>Report Card Distributed</b>	<b>Thurs. 11/15</b>
<b>1/2 Day - Afternoon Conferences</b>	<b>Fri. 11/16</b>
<b>1/2 Day - Evening Conferences</b>	<b>Mon. 11/19</b>
<b>1/2 Day - Evening Conferences</b>	<b>Tues. 11/20</b>
<b>1/2 Day</b>	<b>Wed. 11/21</b>
<b>No School - Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>11/22 &amp; 11/23</b>
<b>AFLCT Viva Brazil Assembly</b>	<b>Wed. 11/28</b>
<b>Superintendent's Student of the Month</b>	<b>Fri. 11/30</b>

# Teacher Reports

**K** Kindergarten will be heading to Miller Library for a field trip on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Children will not be checking books out at that time, but if you have filled out a request, they will be coming home with their library card. We are learning all about counting and comparing sets of numbers in math and working hard on identifying and writing letters. The children are beginning to label their pictures in writing and are adding lots of details to their pictures. I look forward to meeting you all at conferences.

**1** Our first graders are continuing to grow and grow! We completed our writing unit on Small Moments, and are now learning how to write How-To books. In reading, we've been practicing being Word Detectives, and really working hard on what we can do independently when we get to a tricky word. In math, we've been working on geometry. The children have been working on composing and decomposing shapes like rhombus, trapezoid, and hexagons. They are learning so many grown up math words too, like "attributes", "parallelogram", "vertices", and "quadrilateral"! Please remember that homework packets are due at the end of every week. Additionally, the fluency flash cards at the back of the packet MUST be practiced nightly as there is a test on them every Friday. Thank you in advance! We look forward to seeing families at our upcoming conferences!

**2** Grade two students are writing up a storm to their pen pals from the Atria Larson Place. The students and seniors were able to meet and work together to decorate their class garden with painted kindness rocks. Our theme..."Let Love Grow" by reaching out to the community. One simple act of kindness "grows" a long way!

**3** Third graders are starting new units in reading, writing and math. In reading, students will use mysteries and practice being active readers in groups. In writing students are working on proving thesis statements. This unit in math we will be working with data and creating graphs and interpreting them.

**4** Grade 4 is digging deep into our learning! We're exploring comprehension-rich reading and responding as we begin our first Nonfiction unit of the year. Students are composing their first Opinion writing essays. In math, we're working hard on understanding fraction models, addition, multiplication, and equivalencies. And in our other content areas, we're learning about magnets and electricity, and finally finishing up our unit on the Northeast and Southeast.

**5** Fifth grade continues to work hard! In math, the volume unit carries on with students calculating the volume of three dimensional figures. In writing, the "reporters" are writing feature stories on classmates and roller coasters! As readers, the fifth grade students are learning about the features and structures of non-fiction books. All students are reminded to read nightly for at least 20-30 minutes and to complete Mobymax and other math practice pages. Homework completion is very important and thanks to all the parents who have been so involved in making this happen!

**6** Our sixth graders are eager to begin two new units of study in Literacy and Writing. Both units involve reading nonfiction texts, conducting research, and developing central ideas. Ultimately, at the end of the reading unit, the students will prepare and present a TED talk on one of the following topics: Space exploration, Titanic, GMOs, Atomic Bombs, and Diseases. During Writing, the students will research teen activism and learn how to write longer essays. In Math, the students are working with decimals in real-life situations.

**PE** 4th, 5th, and 6th grades have just completed the Physical Fitness Test. All put forth their best effort, and I am very proud of them! Kindergarten through 3rd grade will continue to work on locomotor skills.

