



Dunbar Hill School Newsletter

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Spring is approaching and learning is in full swing here at Dunbar Hill School. As you may know, this is a time of year that students make the most academic and social learning improvements. Make school a priority. Very soon the weather will change with spring right around the corner. It can be challenging to keep our children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your child? Keep these ideas in mind:

- Make attendance your number one priority. Let your child know that unless they are sick, they must attend school. (and be on time) Make an effort to schedule appointment after school hours.
- Show you care. Talk about school activities and projects. Make an effort to attend as many school events as you can.
- Remain positive. Try to set a positive example for your child, even when your own day has been challenging. If you show a positive attitude about your work, your child may feel better about their own.

Laura Rodriguez, Principal



Someone Special Dance	Fri. 3/1 Rain Date: 3/8
PTA Sponsored Assembly— Magic of Science	Tues. 3/5
1/2 Day - Prof. Development	Thurs. 3/7
PTA Meeting	Wed. 3/13
Town Meeting - Hosted By 1st Grade	Tues. 3/19
Report Cards	Wed. 3/20
1/2 Day - Evening Conferences	Thurs. 3/21
1/2 Day - Afternoon Conferences	Fri. 3/22
1/2 Day - Evening Conferences	Mon. 3/25
Superintendent's Student of the Month	Fri. 3/29 7:30 am

**Do you have candid photographs
for the yearbook?**



Please send them to:
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or
Lonnette Diggs



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Teacher Reports

K Kindergarten is looking forward to our field trip to New Haven Reads this month where each child will be able to choose several books to take home. Please be on the lookout for the permission slip. We are busy learning addition and subtraction facts to 5 and to count all the way to 100! We are learning what it means to be an avid reader and still working on our sight words. Please continue to practice those words at home, it makes a big difference in our reading!

1 Our first graders continue to grow in their reading stamina and independence. Please continue to encourage the use of our independent reading strategies at home. Our writing unit on opinions/reviews has finished, and we're now beginning our unit on poetry and song. Our new math unit has students solving story problems with missing parts. This is a tricky unit but the children are working very hard! We will be reviewing our fluency flashcards for our students who haven't mastered the facts yet. Be on the lookout for those flashcards in homework packets. If you see them, your child will need to practice them for a fluency assessment on that upcoming Friday. Thank you in advance!

2 The Second graders had a blast meeting their pen pals at the Atria Larson Place in the Hamden Community. They enjoyed reading Dr. Seuss books with the seniors and making some crafts. What a great way to celebrate this author who spans across generations!

3 Spring is around the corner, and third graders have been working hard. We will begin another nonfiction unit in reading, and will start research papers in writing. In math, while we continue to work on multiplication. We will add division and story problems as well. Please continue to practice your multiplication tables at home, along with your daily reading log. Students will be packing up the rocks and minerals unit, to get ready for chemicals! We will start to focus on geography and map skills and social studies.

4 Grade 4 has wrapped up our American Revolution ELA units and are moving forward with history! We are in a new unit on Historical Fiction Book Clubs and Narrative Writing, focusing on Native Americans to tie into our Social Studies US Regions curriculum. In Math we are finishing up with fractions and decimals, and moving on to Measurement and Geometry, and on to Motion and Design in Science! We look forward to sharing more with you at spring conferences!

5 Fifth Grade is beginning new units in both reading and writing. We will be studying the Civil Rights Movement and its impact. We will first read and write overviews of the important people and events, then we will focus more deeply on one individual aspect. In math, we begin our work with all things decimal related. Science continues our careful creation of our ecosystems with our soon to be coming additions of both plants and critters! Social studies matters include the causes of the American Revolution. Report card month is upon us...we look forward to meeting with parents at conferences!

6 In 6th grade, we are finishing up our literacy unit book clubs which focused on social issues. For math, we are learning the basics of Algebra. Soon we will move to working with data sets. We are finishing up our compare and contrast writing unit and will be moving to persuasive writing next. An introductory chemistry unit has just started and we are learning why we can smell things from a distance. Our first field trip to the bowling alley was a great success and we are looking forward to Sky Zone next!

PE K-2 students will continue to work on tossing skills and begin to work on overhand throwing.

3rd grade will continue to work on basketball skills and then begin a unit of underhand rolling, tossing and overhand throwing.

4-6 students will finish a basketball unit and begin a volleyball unit.

