



# Dunbar Hill School Newsletter

April

2019

## Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Spring is here! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year and all of our programs and fundraisers a success. Our PTA continues to find great ideas to support our students and our school programs and we appreciate all their efforts. The DHS PRIDE campaign has been a big success as well as the Look For The Good program. This has created a positive learning environment for all. With spring comes testing season. Please make every effort to avoid making any doctor or other appointments during the designated testing weeks. More information about preparing for testing will be coming home next month.

Laura Rodriguez, Principal



<b>1/2 Day - Prof. Development</b>	<b>Thurs. 4/4</b>
<b>PTA Meeting</b>	<b>Wed. 4/10</b>
<b>Spring Recess - No School</b>	<b>Mon. 4/15 - Fri. 4/19</b>
<b>School Wide Field Trip - Disney Nature : Penguins</b>	<b>Tues. 4/23</b>
<b>JEFF After School Program</b>	<b>Tues. 4/23</b>
<b>Superintendent's Student of the Month</b>	<b>Fri. 4/26 7:30 am</b>
<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>Tues. 4/30 8:45 - 9:30 am</b>
<b>JEFF After School Program</b>	<b>Tues. 4/30</b>

## News From The Media Center

- ◇ We are underway with World of Readers! If you need a copy of the globe sheet to mark the number of minutes your child reads, have them ask Mrs. Church at school.
- ◇ We are participating with the school Jaguar PRIDE program in Library. Students can earn PRIDE tickets during Library class. I also have been contacting parents with some feedback, including good news, via email.
- ◇ NOTICES for OVERDUE BOOKS went home during conferences. Please help your child look for the books they need to return. If there is a message you need to tell me about a book, please write it on the notice and send it back to Mrs. Church. Bills for missing books will be going home in the next few weeks.
- ◇ Please Like our Dunbar Hill Media Center FACEBOOK page.



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



Please send them to:  
**Erica Camacho**  
or  
**Lonnette Diggs**



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# Teacher Reports

**K** Welcome, Spring! Kindergarten is ready to read and write all about animals! We are also working on adding and subtracting facts through 5. Please keep working on those sight words at home.

**1** First grade is so excited for Spring! Our reading, writing and math skills continue to blossom too. First grade students are working on learning more about characters in their stories during independent and partner reading times. During writing, students are working on poetry. In math, a new unit on place value has started. The children are learning how to add some very big numbers! Be on the lookout for some field trip information. Thanks to a Target field trip grant, the children will be visiting the Maritime Center at Norwalk later on in the month, to culminate our unit on Organisms. It should be a lot of fun! As always, please make sure your children are completing their weekly homework packets and practicing those math fluency cards if you see them!

**2** Spring is in the air in Grade 2! We just wrapped up our poetry unit in Writer's Workshop and enjoyed noticing and using literary language. In Reader's Workshop, we are excited to begin our new unit on Lab Reports! The second graders will be working with lab partners to perform experiments and write about the procedure and results. They will be blooming into little scientists before our very eyes!

**3** Third graders are ready for spring! We are going to conquer SBAC testing for the first time! Parents, please make sure your children are getting a good breakfast and enough sleep during this time. Also, continuing to study multiplication facts at home is really important, along with reading each night! We are studying fractions in math, so please be on the lookout for grades class work. In reading, we continue to learn how to become the best nonfiction readers we can be, in order to write research papers in writing. It's a busy time in third grade!

**4** Grade 4 had a super busy February/March and are looking forward to the month of April. We had some exciting field trips around the town, and learned a lot outside of the classroom too. We are continuing on with Geometry and Measurement in math, wrapping up our Native American/Historical Fiction writing and reading units, and looking forward to more fun in science and social studies. With SBAC coming soon, we will work hard learning all we can, and then try our best to show what we know by this month's end.

**5** Fifth Grade is looking forward to the warmer weather! We will be gearing up for the SBAC tests and want to remind parents that a good night sleep and a good breakfast are essential to our performance. In our subject areas, we are continuing to learn about decimals place value, rounding, adding and subtracting. In reading and writing, we will focus on the fantasy genre. So be ready to hear about dragons, wizards and magical powers on a daily basis! In science, we will begin a unit on the Sun, Moon and Earth and both classes will be taking a trip to the Mahan Planetarium in either April or May. Finally, in social studies we will learn about the battles of the American Revolution. The year is really flying by!

**6** The sixth graders had a wonderful time at Sky Zone and are looking forward to many more special events. In Writing, students are constructing persuasive essays, in which they will argue a claim with evidence collected through research. This will ultimately lead to a debate project and the students are excited to present their side of the argument. In Literacy, we are currently working with non-fiction texts to evaluate authors' claims and determining what makes a valid argument. Additionally, we are investigating author's bias, relevant evidence and counterarguments. Finally, in Math, students have started working on analyzing and interpreting data.

**PE** Grades 4-5-6 will be finishing up a Volleyball Unit and begin a Floor Hockey Unit. 6th Grade vs STAFF Volleyball Game will be this month. Grades K-1-2-3 will continue to work on overhand throwing and begin dribbling skills.

