



MRS. MAGUIRE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

March 2018



Dear Country School Families,

March is an exciting time in the school year. It happens to be one of the longest stretches throughout the year, with no days off (except for those sneaky March snow days of course!) Students and teachers find their learning stride this month and we tend to see an acceleration in skill mastery. We also use this time to begin planning for next year!

As we prepare our 3rd Graders to transition to Field School and beyond, we also start welcoming our incoming Kindergartners. Our 3rd Graders will have a few opportunities to begin visiting the Field School. The first visit will be this month when they head over to see the Wax Museum presentations by Field School students.

Soon we will also begin the transition process for our Incoming Kindergartners and their families. On Tuesday, March 20th, there will be an information session for parents, here at Country School. If you or anyone you know has a child who will be 5 years old by September 1st, 2018, you are encouraged to attend. The Kindergarten registration is set for April 5th, and Kindergarten Screening will take place on April 25th. Details to follow!

Other exciting events to look forward to this month include our March Madness Book bracket (check it out in the main hallway), our Multicultural Night on March 16th, String Fling and Spring Sing and most importantly, lots of exciting learning and growing.

*Erin Maguire, Principal

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS MONTH...

Preschool is learning about Dr. Seuss to kick off our Poetry unit. Our color of the month is green and our shape is diamond. We are looking forward to participating in March Madness and for another sports class with Coach John from Be Ahead of the Game.

Kindergarten is looking forward to their 2nd visit with Scientist-in-Residence Emilie Wilder from Grassroots Wildlife/Zoo New England (via SKYPE). We will continue Vernal Pool walks and data collection, are launching their "How To" book writing unit and are focusing on addition and subtraction, advanced sorting, and data recording in Math.

1st Grade will be learning about the maple sugaring process. We will tap a tree on the Country School property and then visit the Weston sugar shack to find out how sap is turned into syrup. Later in the month, first graders will pack their bags and passports and take off for an exciting study of Japan.

2nd Grade will head to Australia this month. We will be reading about the Australian rivers/land changing over the course of a year. We will also explore several maps. In the Star Lab, classes will engineer to solve the continent's problem centered around the cane toad.

3rd Grade has the Turtle Superpowers talk and a Drumlin Farm Turtle walk. Later in the month we will visit Field School Wax Museum and participate in a magnet engineer challenge.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- 3/6-String Fling; Weston High School 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 3/7-Early Release
- 3/8-WEEFC Elementary Auction
- 3/9-All School Meeting
- 3/14-Parent Coffee
- 3/14-Spring Sing; Field School 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 3/16-Multicultural Fair; 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 3/20-Incoming Kindergarten Info Night; 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 3/21-School Council; 3:00pm-4:00pm
- 3/23-METCO Potluck; Weston High School 6:30pm
- 3/30-No School

WEEFC & PTO UPDATES...

WEEFC: It is not too late to come to the 2nd Annual Auction! Please join us to help raise funds to continue to support our Country School Community Events, Innovation in the classrooms and more! We look forward to seeing many of you there. This is a great way to support all of our Elementary schools. Click here to purchase tickets: [A Celebration of Art & Community](#)

PTO: The "Lost and Found" has been sorted. Please check the lost and found for missing items. Anything not labeled and not collected in the next few weeks will be donated.

There is still time to set up a booth at our Multicultural Night. This was a fantastic event last year and we are expecting the same this year. Please consider participating!