Principal’s Message:

I hope all families had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. Before the holiday vacation, students engaged in a variety of holiday activities including a sing along in which the students enjoyed. The Fourth Grade students also performed an amazing Choral Concert. The Mackrille staff would like to thank all the families that donated to Yale’s Children Hospital Toy Closet and PJ Day for the Children’s hospital.

As we start the New Year, please make sure students are getting a good night’s sleep, eating healthy and attending school on time every day. It is also important that they are practicing washing their hands at home and in school. Washing hands is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.

With the weather changing, please make sure to review the districts delay and early dismissal schedules. If there is a delay, it will automatically be a two-hour delay. The school day will begin at 10:55 AM and there will be no AM Preschool. If there is an early dismissal due to weather concerns, students will be dismissing from school at 1:20 PM and there will be no PM Preschool.

Please make sure you are checking your email and phone messages daily. This is how the school and district will be contacting you with important information. If you change your email or phone number, please make sure to contact the office immediately so we can update your information in our system.

Some families still need to submit proofs of residency and update parent portal. New this year, in Parent Portal you will be able to locate your child’s report card. If you have other children within our district, we can link all students onto one account. If you are having difficulties, please call the office and we can assist you with this process. Proving residency needs to be done in September every year.

Please remember that students will continue to go outside for recess. Make sure your child comes to school with a winter coat, hat and gloves. If you need any assistance with coats, gloves and hats, please reach out to the office.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment, call or email me at Taryn.Driend@whschools.org.

Taryn S. Driend

Calendar

January- Animal Shelter Collection

January 1-No School
New Year’s Day

January 9-PTA Meeting 7:30 Zoom

January 10-Half Day of School
KDG-4th 8:55 AM-1:20 PM
AM Pre-K 8:55 AM-11:05 PM
PM Pre-K 11:10 PM-1:20 PM

January 15-No School
Martin Luther King Day

January 19-Spirit Day $1.00
Dress to Impress

Telephone #
(203) 931-6820

FAX #
(203) 931-6823

Attendance Line
(203) 931-6829
West Haven Animal Shelter  
Collection January 2-31, 2024

Supplies:
Dog Food-Pedigree Wet & Dry  
Cat Food-Fancy Feast Wet Pate “No Fish”  
Cat Litter  
Rugged Dog Toys (No Stuffed Animals)  
Paper Towels  
Bleach  
Dish Detergent  
Old Towels and washcloths  
Food Bowls

THANK YOU

Second Step Lessons

The social worker, Ms. Paolino and I have been going into your child’s classroom twice in a ten-day cycle to provide social/emotional learning lessons through The Second Step curriculum that we are so fortunate to have. The Second Step Program is a classroom based social skills program for students that is designed to increase student’s ability to understand their feelings and feelings of others, how to show kindness, how to get along with others, how to feel confident to try new things, pay attention in class, and how to handle situations in a healthy way. Also, here at school, we follow Mackrille’s Big 3- BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, and BE SAFE. We instill this by talking about role-playing, as well as applying these important characteristics and actions in the classroom. We will continue these lessons throughout the year. Please help us encourage your children to apply these valuable skills beyond the classroom and in other settings so your child will continue to find success across many settings.

Faye Marzinotto, School Psychologist