

WATERFRONT WAVE

October 2025



From the Principal

Great Start

We are thrilled to share that the school year is off to a fantastic start! The energy and enthusiasm your children have brought into our classrooms have been truly inspiring. From day one, students have shown curiosity, kindness, and a strong eagerness to learn, setting a positive tone for the months ahead. Our dedicated staff has worked hard to create a welcoming and engaging environment, and it's been wonderful to see students building connections, embracing challenges, and growing both academically and socially. We're especially proud of how smoothly routines have been established and how quickly students have settled into their learning communities. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we're laying the foundation for a successful and joyful school year. We look forward to all the exciting learning, growth, and celebrations to come!

Reminders

Please be sure to update your contact information and join us on ClassDojo.



Upcoming Events

- SBMT - 10/27 at 11:35AM
- Fall Family Fun Night 10/28
5-7PM
- PK - 2nd grade students
invited to Trick-or-Treat at
City Hall on 10/31

Admin Team

Marlon Lee - Principal
Dr. Rosemary Bradley - AP
Chris Traugott - AP
LeeQusiha Volious - AP



Newsletter



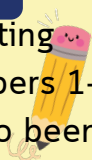
ELA

We will begin our next theme: Marvelous Me. We will discuss and explore the questions- What makes me special? Who am I?, What do my senses tell me about the world? Why are friends and families important? and What are some of my favorite things?



MATH

We have been working on counting from 1-10 and recognizing numbers 1-10 in written form. We have also been identifying small groups and comparing their quantities. The students have been working on simple repeating patterns using connecting cubes, shapes and rhythms, and begun to identify and match two dimensional shapes. They will continue to use one-one correspondence to count objects and sort them into larger groups



SECOND STEP

We are learning how to listen and how to focus our attention. We will learn to follow directions, ask for what you need and how to identify your feelings.



STAY IN TOUCH

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR CLASS DOJO, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU NEED HELP. CHECK IT DAILY BECAUSE IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS SHARED.



WHAT IS COMING?

* Save the date! The annual BPS Pre-K Fall Fest will be on Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Buffalo Zoo. Admission is free to all Pre-K students and their families.

- We will have a class party on Friday, October 31st. Your child may wear a costume. Treats are welcome!
- Pre-K is sometimes messy. Please remember to send in a full change of clothes for your child and replace any clothes that get sent home to be cleaned.



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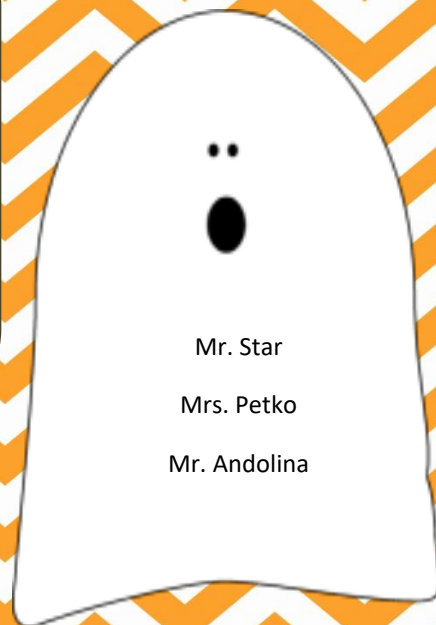
Kindergarten News

Now that routines are established we are off to a GREAT start.

Skills being worked on at school:

- letters and their sounds
- sight words
- counting forwards and backwards from 0-10
- identifying numbers and their value
- writing numbers are letters
- holding and using a pencil
- using scissors properly

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816-3900



Mr. Star

Mrs. Petko

Mr. Andolina

HOME TO SCHOOL SKILLS

As routines are established here at school below are 5 skills to work on in October.

Before you start, **set up an area** with supplies: you will need **crayons, scissors, pencil, and a glue stick.**

1. Writing their first and last name.
2. Counting forwards and backwards from 0-10.
3. Practice using scissors.
4. TIEING their SHOES.
5. Read to your child 10 minutes daily.

Dates to Remember

October 3: 5 Week Progress Reports

October 13: Indigenous People's and Italian Heritage Day – NO SCHOOL

October 28: Family Fun Night

IMPORTANT INFO



FIRST GRADE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
2025

What We Are Learning

ELA

We are continuing to review short vowel sounds and CVC words. We will continue with digraphs ch, sh, and th. Students are also participating in a "walk-to" model of instruction for RTI.

Math

We will be working with numbers and place value. The focus will be on understanding tens and ones, representing 2-digit numbers, and comparing numbers.

Science and Social Studies

We are continuing our units in Sound and Light in Science. Citizenship is the focus of our current Social Studies Chapter. Our next Chapter begins geography.

Reminders

Please send in a note when your child is absent.

All changes to dismissal are to be in writing.

Please make sure you are checking your child's Take Home Folder every day!

PLEASE make sure your child has all of their school supplies!

Upcoming Events

- No school on 10/13/25
- Family Fun Night at Waterfront on 10/28/25

First Grade Teachers

Mrs. Ashman

Mrs. Snyder

Mrs. Wehrmeyer

Mrs. Minotti (ENL)

CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

October 2025

What We Are Learning

Math:

In math we are learning place value to the thousands. We are showing numbers in standard form, expanded form, written form and unit form.

*Please continue to work with your child on learning their addition and subtraction facts. This is something that students sometimes struggle with, but are needed through the year.

Reading:

Please read with your child daily. Part of homework each week is to read 15-20 minutes each day.

- We have now completed our review of short vowels and will be moving on to long vowels and blends.

Science:

We have been working on The Three States of Matter. (Solids, Liquids, and Gases). Ask your child to name some of these states of matter for you!!

Social Studies:

We are learning about our communities and what is around us. Take a walk with your child to discover the community they are part of and the amazing things Buffalo has to offer.

Reminders

*Please remember to check your child's take home folder daily.

*Homework comes home on Monday and is due on Friday of that week. Please review the work with your child to check for any concerns you may have.

Upcoming Events

Open House: Tuesday, September 30, 2025

5:00pm-7:00pm

No School: October 13, 2025

Family Fun Night: October 28, 2025

5:00pm- 7:00pm

Contact Info

School: 716-816-3900

Mrs. Powers

Mr. Teloh

Miss Arana



NEWSLETTER

October

CLASSROOM NEWS

ELA: We will be reading a new story each week along with new spelling and vocab words.

Math: We are finishing up using place value to fluently add and subtract within 1,000. We will be starting multiplication and division.

Social Studies: We will be learning about goods and services, types of resources, economic choices and their future.

Science: We are finishing up force and motion, and we will move into electricity and magnetism.

EVENTS

10/13 – Indigenous Peoples Day (No School)

10/28 – Family Fun night

TO-DO

Make sure your student has headphones!

REMINDERS

Progress reports will be sent out at the end of the month.

There will be math and ELA homework 2 times a week.



4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER



2025-2026

Look What We Learned

MATH:

We have been learning how to use place value to understand the value of each digit. We have also spent time working on our math fact fluency, don't forget to practice your addition, subtraction and multiplication facts!

ELA:

Students have been working on setting up iPad to integrate technology into each class. Together we reviewed the rules for the iPad. We have read two stories, focusing on identifying main idea and key idea.

SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES:

We started out the year in Social Studies, learning about geography. We have learned about the continents, ask your child to sing the continent song! We have a great walking field trip to canal side, witnessing history in the making.

4TH GRADE TEAM

- Mrs. Brackenridge- ICT co-teacher
- Mrs. Englert- ENL co-teacher
- Mrs. Hill- ELA
- Mrs. Hojsan- Math
- Mrs. Todaro- Science/ Social Studies



We Will be Learning...

MATH:

How to estimate sums and differences with multi digit numbers. Working on adding and subtracting multidigit numbers.

ELA:

We will be discussing local landmarks and learning about witch destinations we will be visiting throughout the year. We will be reading informational texts this month.

SCIENCE / SOCIAL STUDIES:

Working in science this month doing hands on activities, learning about energy and motion.

Reminders

- Headphones are needed in school every day, they are available for \$2 in school
- \$20 is due to cover the cost of field trips for the school year. The first field trip was free; others have a cost. You can pay a little at a time.
- Check Class Dojo daily! You will see important updates, reminders and what is going on in the classroom



Upcoming

- Field Trip 10/10
- Progress reports 10/10
- No school 10/13
- Red Ribbon Week 10/27-10/31
- Fall Family Night 10/28





Fifth Grade October 2025 Newsletter

Math -Ms. Cheek

We are currently working in Reveal Math Unit 2, How can I find the volume of rectangular prism? Students will explore measurable attributes of different figures and discover that all 3-dimensional figures have a measurable attribute of space inside.

ELA- Mr. Smith

We are currently finishing up a chapter book called Crash. Reviewing parts of speech, practicing words with suffixes. Look out for new spelling words coming home every two weeks.

Science / Social Studies

Mrs. Rizeq

We will be building on what students have learned in 4th grade. In Social Studies we just finished learning about climates and ecosystems. In Science, we will be discussing properties of matter. Students will observe, model, and learn about these properties.

Mrs. Werner's 5-4 Class

We are currently working on classroom expectations, volume, informational text, matter, and geography!

Mrs. Karyczak ENL

Students in our ENL program receive support with reading, writing, listening and speaking during ELA, Math, and Science/ Social Studies. Entering/Emerging ENL students receive extra stand-alone support to learn basic English speaking skills.

Mr. Kumiega 5-3 ICT

Students that work with Mr. Kumiega receive extra support in Mathematics and English Language Arts. As the school year has begun, gains have already been made in the abilities in both subjects;

Stay in Touch

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Mrs. Werner 5-4 hwerner@buffaloschools.org



Scan the QR code to sign up for parent portal and keep updated on your child's grades.

Upcoming Events

October 13th – No School
October 29th - BPO field trip
October 31st Halloween

Please make sure the school has your updated contact information!



6TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

Science & Social Studies

In science, we began with the states of matter, diving into atoms, molecules and compounds!

We will be starting our unit on energy where we will be learning about thermal, nuclear, electrical & chemical energy.

In social studies, we started out the year off learning geography basics and practiced reading maps. We will jump right into the Eastern Hemisphere learning about Europe.

Reminders

Family Fun Night is on October 28th from 5-7pm

Please send in headphones.

Make sure to join Class Dojo.

If your child is a pick up, you need to send in a note & let us know before NOON!

ELA & Writing

The adventure has begun! We are reading the chapter book "**Bud, Not Buddy**" by Christopher Curtis. The students are excited about it!

Also, we have begun our unit on **Figurative Language** starting with similes. A simile is comparing two unlike things using the word "like" or "as".

Math

We are just wrapping up Module 1 on Ratios and Rates. We will quickly transition to Module 2- Understanding Percents. Some important topics covered in this unit are: Finding & Estimating Percents of a Number, Relating Percents to Fractions & Decimals, & Percents Greater than 100% and Less than 1%.

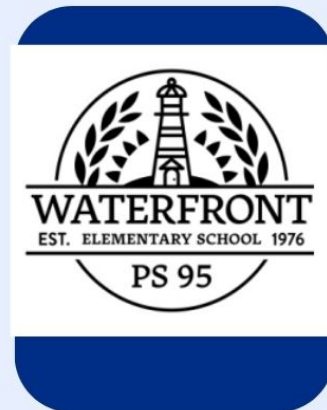
Toward the end of October, we will start Module 3-Division, & Division of Fractions.

A few things to remember: Try your best on every homework assignment as this reinforces the lesson learned in class that day. Remember to study for our weekly quizzes and assessments.

Mrs. O'Hara, Mrs. Anello, Mr. Stephens, Ms. Little, Mr. Imiola, Mrs. Pucillo & Ms. Dubose

OCTOBER 2025

WHAT'S UP WATERFRONT?



MRS. MCKEE: GRADE 7 & 8 UNITED STATES AND NEW YORK HISTORY

Social Studies: Mrs. McKee

Grade 7: We are learning about Native Americans and the roots of European exploration. Students will be able to explain the relationship between culture and geography and the impact of European exploration and colonization. Please make sure your child is studying their chapter vocabulary nightly and please check Parent Portal for up-to-date grades and assignments.

Grade 8: We are looking at Reconstruction, the aftermath of the Civil War, and the long-lasting effects. Students are gathering evidence to determine if Reconstruction was a success or failure. Please make sure your child is studying their chapter vocabulary nightly and please check Parent Portal for up-to-date grades and assignments.



8TH GRADE FRENCH WITH MADAME PASCUCCI:

This month, we will continue to have simple conversations in French. We will learn how to discuss our likes and dislikes. We will write in French about our favorite hobbies and read about popular French sports and pastimes.

HOME & CAREERS WITH MRS WANDERLICH:

Our 7th and 8th graders have *locked in* and set their goals for the year!

Up next, 7th grade will be exploring human/personal development and relationships, while 8th grade continues to plan ahead by exploring the exciting opportunities awaiting them at local high schools.

7th grade: CTE High School Expo field trip 12/17/25

Important Dates

10/13-No School
10/16-Progress Reports:
available electronically in
Infinite Campus
10/17-Homecoming
10/28-Family Fun Night 5-7pm



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7th Grade Math:

Students will be working on a new curriculum that will include both textbook and online work. Students will be working individually, with a partner, and in small groups at times. If you have any questions please reach out to me at klgresham@buffaloschools.org. I look forward to a fun and educationally productive year.

7th & 8th Grade Accelerated Algebra:

Students have been selected to be in the advanced Math class this year. This means they will be working on a curriculum that is a combination of their current grade level and the next grade level.

The 8th graders will be taking the Algebra Regents exam in June. They have the opportunity to go to high school with a regents credit. The 7th graders are working to prepare to take the Algebra Regents exam at the end of their 8th grade year.



7th Grade Science

This month we are working our way through our cells unit. Currently your children are learning about cell transport with a focus on the cell membrane. We have been able to use microscopes to look at slides of both animal and plant cells. Everyone was very excited to see cells. After our cells topic we will be moving on to the cell cycle and photosynthesis. If you ever have any questions or concerns you can always message me on dojo or send me an email.

Accelerated Biology

This month we will be focusing on ecology. We'll be looking at weather and climate first followed by biomes and aquatic ecosystems. Please remind your children to study more for quizzes and tests. Reviewing notes and using the review book on a nightly basis will ensure your child is successful. If you ever have any questions or concerns you can email me or message me on class dojo.

7th & 8th Grade English Language Arts

Mrs. Douglas

The students are continuing to work on Literary Elements and Techniques, simultaneously delving into increasing the required 50,000-word vocabulary exposure for grade and age level acquisition. Students are acquisitioning mood and tone, theme and characterization in any given literary piece.

Students are also being introduced to Modern Language Association style writing along with research and data. Students will begin to be introduced to Greek and Latin Roots, along with a wide-ranging focus on integrating grammar instruction into reading and writing, making lessons contextual, communicative, and engaging, and ensuring subject knowledge is strong. Students have also been provided with information on their TED Talks that are being presented on November 14, 2025, during class time.



The Speech Spot

October 2025

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Grades K-3
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Natalie Ertel
Room 319
Grades 4-8
Ext 1319

Parents and Guardians,

Each month we will have a topic of special interest. This month's topic is receptive language.

Receptive Language

Q: What is receptive language?

A: Included the understanding and use of:

- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension of auditory and written material

Q: How does this affect my child's performance at school?

A: Students with receptive language deficits have difficulty understanding auditory and written information. Common behaviors include:

- Difficulty following directions
- Being off task
- Inability to focus
- Poor reading comprehension
- Difficulty understanding "wh" questions
- Difficulty retaining information

Q: How do we develop receptive language skills in speech therapy?

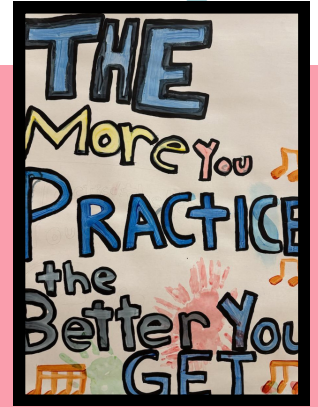
A: Based on standardized testing, professional judgement and teacher/student collaboration we are to develop appropriate yearly goals. These skills help the students participate appropriately in the classroom and access curriculum successfully.

Please contact us via dojo, note, phone call with any questions or concerns.

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WATERFRONT MUSIC DEPARTMENT *newsletter*

OCTOBER 2025



From: Mrs. Whitefield

Band this year has started off with a blast of new students. Thank you to all the 64 new students who have signed up in the 4th and 5th grade Beginner Band Classes. Parents, please ask your child to practice their instrument at home. Showing the parents that they can play a song is our first challenge. They will be so proud to show you.

Advanced Band has 80 students in 6-7-8th grade. This is a huge band!

This year Advanced Band will have a Winter Concert on December 18, 2025. The Beginning and Adv Bands will also have a Spring Concert on May 29, 2026. Concert Dress is all black, T shirts with Music logo are available.

From: Mrs. Mercuri

My students in Grades 5, 6, and 8 have just completed information about themselves and about music in their lives.

We have officially hit our Rhythm Unit. Students will be playing basic rhythms and composing with these rhythms in this Unit.

Grade 4 has been working on the "Erie Canal" song. They have been drawing pictures of the verses and pulling out the important information from the verses and writing it down.

From: Mr. Yanoski

Chorus for students in Grades 1 through 6 will be starting in October. They will be performing in the Winter Concert on December 18th.

The District sponsored field trip to see the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will be happening soon.

Here are the dates:

Grade 6: 10/8/2025

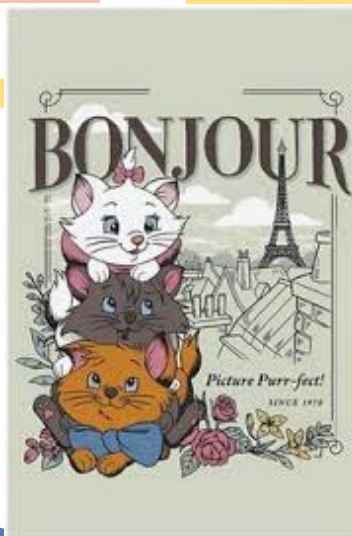
Grade 5: 10/29/2025

Grade 4: 11/13/2025

Grade 3: 11/19/2025

Grade 2: 1/21/2026

Grade 1: 2/25/2026



Musical Information:

Aristocats Kids, the Musical will have show dates on Feb 12 & 13, 2026. We will be starting auditions for Aristocats Kids the first day of afterschool, TBA, mid October. Lots of students are interested in being in the school musical as actors, singers, and dancers. Please fill out an afterschool sign-up because we need your Talent!