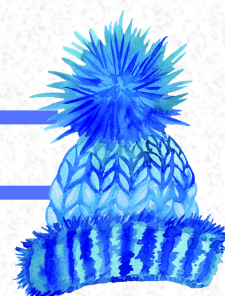
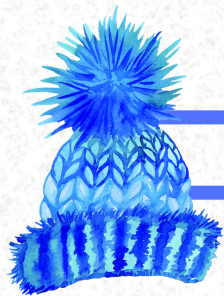


January 2024



# ~MURPHY MATTERS~ MTM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Murphy Families,  
Happy New Year to all!!! It is so exciting to celebrate a new year which brings with it new learning and new opportunities for growth! At this time of year, we are conducting assessments to get updated information on where students are academically to plan for continued success. It was great to welcome students back from December break and we are looking forward to all the wonderful work ahead.

~Mrs. Jones

## UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

- (Mon) **Jan. 15- Martin Luther King Jr Day** (District Closed)
- (Wed) **Jan. 31 -Early Dismissal** (Professional Development)

NO A.M. PRE-K ON  
90 MIN. AND 2 HR  
DELAY DAYS

## SCHOOL HOURS

TYPE OF DAY	START	DISMISSAL
Normal	8:55	3:25
Early Release Day	8:55	1:25
90 Minute School Delay	10:25	3:25
2 Hour School Delay	10:55	3:25





# School News & Updates



## Staff Updates:

We have worked hard this year to fill all vacancies and recruit highly talented candidates to join our team. Our new hires this school year have done an amazing job immediately jumping in to support students in all roles.

### \*NEW STAFF:

We are excited to welcome **Mr. Klarman as our new P.M. security guard**, who comes to Murphy with a wealth of knowledge and experience and has been a great addition to the safety team.

We are excited to welcome **Alanna Arnold as our new Grade 1 Literacy Para**, who comes to Murphy with a wealth of early literacy experience and has been a great addition to our Grade 1 Team!

## What's New:

With the recent news of a staff retirement in February, **we are now looking for a Kindergarten teacher.**

If you know of any qualified applicants who would be interested in this position please share the posting:

<https://www.applitrack.com/branford/onlineapp>

## Attendance:

~We will continue to focus on our school goal of increasing positive attendance.

**Please be sure to call/inform the school of every absence** as we work to decrease Murphy's number of unexcused absences and properly code the reason for each absence.

~**Attendance letters are being sent home to inform families** when students have reached 5, 10 and 15 absences.

~Attendance is a key component connected to student academic success. Students should be present and on time in order to do their best learning.



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

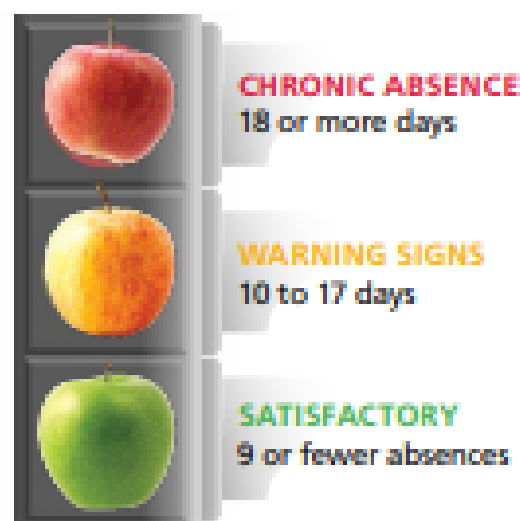
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



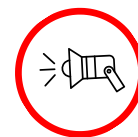
Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

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Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



## ~STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS~



# Murphy Students are S.O.A.R.ing!

(Safe Organized Aware Respectful)

## Lexia Super Stars

### Kindergarten

Nazar A., Everett P., Isabelle B., Gabriella R., Julianna D., Gemma S., Stephan G., Amelia C., Logan E., Paisley L., Timofey S., Tucker S., Joseph M., Bivan K., William F., Masimo C., Shema S., Giavanna P., Jack D., Jude A., Jayden C., Cole F., Norah G., Stella P.,

### Grade 1

Prashiddha K., Anyla G., Grifn G., Marin C., David T., Lorraine T., Oliver N., Jackson D., Mateo C., Maeve H., Lucian T., Lilah W., Autumn O., Serenity S., Curtis K., Kotaro O., Oliver G., Jeremiah G., Aaliyah W., Aurora C., Aika Y., Hudson C., Anyla G.

### Grade 2

Vanessa TC., Elliot V., Lucas S., Jenish A., Samyog P., Mysira E., Tristan T., Sophia M., Callen P., Layla C., Giada M., Brandon A., Olivianna M., Madelyn P., Ethan B., Juliette M., Tessa R., Briar Rose G., Stella F., Allyson E., Mya B., Alaina H., Rosalina P., David Z. Charlotte B., Ava G., Sophia D., Liam F., Jennifer D.

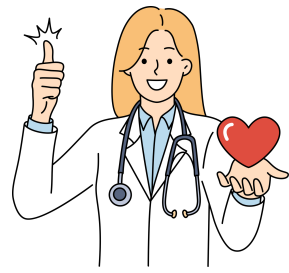
### Grade 3

Jackson C. Lucca S., Salvatore M., Corey O., Elliott C., Barsha M., Luciano M., Natalie C., Anthony P., David D., Jaxon V., Liam H., Reagan A., Karisha S., Brayden F., Arlo K., Ichika N., Nathan C., Liam C., Joslynn H., Mason E., Dylan R., Arianne K., Arisa K., Michael D.

### Grade 4

William L., Zofa H., Nehemiah G., Olivia C., Pratik C., Bismaya K., Norah W., Dominic V., Norah J., Austin P., Muhammad S., Soren M., Liam P., Misael C., Julian M., Connor P., Manvik P., Himani P., Ava B., Azlan K., Thomas D., Jaydne C.S., Jayden K., Pranil C., Logan M., Jonathan C.,

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!!!**



# Notes from the Health Office

## Murphy School Based Health Center

- What is the SBHC? Medical and mental health services available for enrolled students including physical exams, immunizations, sick child care and counseling services
- Who works in the SBHC? Staffed by licensed clinicians from Yale New Haven Hospital
- How much does it cost? There are no fees for SBHC services. Insurance will be billed with no copays; if uninsured, there will be no fee
- The SBHC does not replace your child's regular provider. We value the partnership with your child's provider and strive to coordinate care and follow up with them.
- Follow this link for more [SBHC information](#). Follow this link for the [SBHC enrollment form in English](#), or [Spanish](#).



# LOTS OF Beads

*creating*

*Faberge Eggs*

*and we are in need of beads!*

*If you have any beads or broken  
jewelry, please send it to the art  
room. Thank you!*

