

NANTUCKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STARFISH SCOOP

EMPOWERING EVERY STARFISH TO BE A LIFE LONG LEARNER

December

2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

How did it get to be December already? There are many activities this month, so please be sure to check the "Mark Your Calendar" below. We will have our annual Winter Concerts on Tuesday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 17th. The band and strings will perform on December 10th and the chorus on December 17th. More details will be distributed as the concerts draw near.

The holiday season is upon us and the excitement in our school is growing daily. The winter vacation is a wonderful time to rest, relax, and enjoy family and friends. The school office will be closed for the duration of the break. The faculty and staff of Nantucket Elementary would like to wish all of our families a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Alexis McKay, Principal

Megan Edwards, Assistant Principal



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 5 UNITY DAY
- 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL
- EQUITY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 10 BAND + STRINGS CONCERT, 6:30 PM
- 11-18 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- 12 BOOK FAIR FAMILY NIGHT, 3:30-6:30 PM
- 13 INTERIMS DISTRIBUTED
- 17 CHORUS WINTER CONCERT, 6:30 PM
- 18-19 GRADE 4 ARLINGTON ECHO
- 18 GRADE 3 FIELD TRIP
- 23-31 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

- 1 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK
- 2 SCHOOL REOPENS



EMERGENCY CLOSING PLANS

AS WINTER WEATHER APPROACHES, PLEASE DISCUSS YOUR EARLY CLOSING PLAN WITH YOUR CHILD TO ENSURE HE/SHE WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN UNSCHEDULED CLOSING.

AACPS USES THE CONNECT ED TELEPHONE AND EMAIL SYSTEM TO CONTACT PARENTS REGARDING EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS. BE SURE TO KEEP OUR OFFICE STAFF INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SO THAT WE HAVE A CURRENT DATABASE WHICH HELPS TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE ALL SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

AS THE TEMPERATURES GET COLDER, PLEASE BE SURE THAT STUDENTS ARE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY. STUDENTS WILL BE GOING OUTSIDE FOR RECESS UNLESS IT IS BELOW 32 DEGREES OR THE WIND CHILL IS SIGNIFICANT. ALSO, OUR DOORS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:50 AM, SO STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE EARLIER WILL BE WAITING OUTSIDE.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND VISITORS

ALL PARENTS/VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO THE SCHOOL. THIS HELPS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF. AFTER SIGNING IN AT THE OFFICE, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WEAR A VISITOR OR VOLUNTEER BADGE. YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS SECURITY EFFORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



VALUABLES

JUST A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE COMING TO SCHOOL WITH VALUABLE GAMES, ELECTRONICS, JEWELRY, ETC. WE ENCOURAGE THIS SO THAT THESE EXPENSIVE ITEMS DO NOT GET LOST, BROKEN, OR TAKEN. THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ITEMS. KEEPING THEM AT HOME IS THE BEST WAY TO GO!



LOST & FOUND

WE HAVE BEEN GATHERING HATS, JACKETS, WATER BOTTLES, LUNCH BOXES, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING SOMETHING, PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO CHECK THE LOST & FOUND.

PARENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO VISIT THE LOST & FOUND—JUST REMEMBER TO STOP IN THE OFFICE FIRST AND CHECK IN!



STAYING IN THE LOOP!

AS A SCHOOL, WE ARE WORKING ON DEVELOPING A RESPECTFUL COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS AT NANTUCKET ELEMENTARY. WE ARE CONTINUING TO TEACH AND REINFORCE OUR ESTABLISHED SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS OF “STAYING IN THE LOOP”:

RESPECT LEARNING

RESPECT OURSELVES

RESPECT OTHERS

RESPECT PROPERTY

STAFF MEMBERS RECOGNIZE STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE RESPECTFUL BEHAVIORS BY GIVING DOJO POINTS. EACH MARKING PERIOD, THE STUDENTS AT NANTUCKET ELEMENTARY WORK TOWARDS A SPECIAL INCENTIVE FOR RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR AND FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL RULES. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, THE STUDENTS ARE WORKING TOWARDS EARNING A MOVIE & PJ DAY ON DECEMBER 20TH. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE 2 MINOR REFERRALS OR A MAJOR REFERRAL BETWEEN DEC. 2ND-DEC. 20TH WILL EARN THE REWARD.

PLEASE REINFORCE OUR SCHOOL-WIDE RULES WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME. ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT HIS/HER DOJO POINTS AND HOW HE/SHE EARNED THEM.

ATTENTION WALKERS!

JUST A REMINDER TO OUR WALKERS TO PLEASE USE THE SIDEWALKS WHEN WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL PARENTS LET US KNOW THAT STUDENTS ARE WALKING IN STREETS AND NOT USING THE CROSSWALKS. PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY ISSUE.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE TO PLEASE USE THE TRASH RECEPTACLES TO DISPOSE OF TRASH. OUR SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE OF TRASH ON THE GROUND. LET 'S ALL DO OUR PART TO KEEP THE NANTUCKET COMMUNITY LITTER FREE!

