SPAULDING FAMILY UPDATE – 3/01/19

Dear Spaulding Families,

It's hard to believe it's already March. We've had our weather challenges the last few weeks and it's looking like March is coming in like a lion. Let's hope that it leaves like a lamb. Fingers crossed! The last few weeks have been very busy. Along with our usual academic endeavours, a number of other activities have taken place.

Grade Two Tradition: Nearly 110 students participated in a fun day of bowling and time in the arcade at Spare Time in Windsor Locks on Sunday, February 24th. Thank you to our PTO who did an outstanding job organizing the event.

Kindergarten Registration: On Thursday, Feb 28th, Spaulding hosted our annual kindergarten registration night for families of students entering the class of 2032. Kindergarten teachers, administrators, and school psychologists presented parents with information about our kindergarten program. Please visit our website for more information.

Read Across America:

- **Monday** was Wear Green Day - along with green clothing we saw some green hair! To kick off Read Across America week, preschoolers in Mrs. Michaud's class received a very special visitor! Miss Connecticut, Bridget Oei, read, *If You Give A Mouse A Brownie,* talked about her special role in Connecticut, her favorite treats, and how she wants to one day be a doctor. It was very exciting to meet a real life princess!
- **Tuesday** was Hat Day - we saw everything from baseball caps to Cat in the Hat hats!
- **Wednesday** was Wacky - the hairstyles and clothing choices definitely made it a Wacky Wednesday!
- **Thursday** was Pajama Day - the the staff and students enjoyed coming to school in their comfy pjs! Our Assistant Superintendent was a guest reader in Ms. Slawinowski preschool class. We had also planned for MIS students and staff to join us for the first half of the morning for some fun reading activities, but our delayed opening made that impossible. We'll try again next year.

- **Today** was Crazy Sock Day & Guest Reader Day - our guest readers included the following: Suffield High School students Madison Zielinski, Gisele Mayhew, Emilee Benson, Madeleine Berringer, Kat Eggleston, Sreekeerthi Manursreekantamurthagary, Hannah Stack, John Nadeau, Ashley Petit, Nora Shanks, Gabrielle Stevens, and Kristin Johnson (SHS librarian) and Jim Blain (SHS Principal), Ryan Burrell (Police Dept.), Chief Brown (Police Dept.), Brian Gauthier (SFD), Melissa Mack (First Selectwoman), Tami Zawistowski (State Representative), Mel Chafetz (former Spaulding Principal and Town Selectman), Beth Chafetz (Suffield Observer), Beth Sheridan (Suffield Community Aid), Lucy Shepard (former Suffield Teacher), and Wendy Taylor (Suffield Library).

Drills: This past Tuesday we had a lockdown drill at AWS. We were joined by Tom Kisselback, Ryan Burrell and Michael Thibedeau. The staff and students did a nice job!

Electronic Report Cards: We just want to give you a heads up that we are planning to send report cards electronically for the second marking period. Please be patient with us if there are any unexpected glitches. You

know how it is when you do something for the first time. You'll receive more information next week.

Family Support Corner: Dr. Bari DeMichele, Ms. Karen Lawrence, and Ms. Brittney Easter would like to introduce themselves as the social-emotional-behavioral support staff in the Spaulding Community. They are our school psychologists and social worker, respectively. Together, they have partnered with teachers and staff to address students' needs in the areas of social skills, coping strategies, and emotional well-being. When providing these supports, the home school communication and connection is critical. We believe that in order to best serve students, it is essential we partner with families. We have created a survey to gather information from families to better understand what topics would be helpful to focus on in the Family Support Corner section of the Spaulding Family Update. The Family Support Corner will be used to provide information and support for families on a variety of social/behavioral/and parent skills topics. The link to the survey can be found below. We appreciate your input and time:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqnthFAfE2iHJ4chsTcC9Rw6TFrU4p9kgKHiD8xEDYnEVEbg/viewform

Upcoming Events:

March 13: Early Release - Conferences

March 14: Early Release - Conferences

March 15: Early Release - Conferences

March 19: Early Release - Professional Development for staff

Enjoy the weekend!

Roxanne and Kris