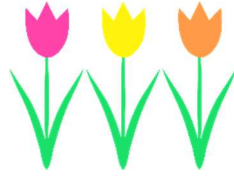


Kindergarten Academy Newsletter

March 2020



A Message from Mr. Kohlhepp

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February was an exciting month at the KA! The highlight of the month was our annual parade celebrating the 100th Day of School. Many classes also enjoyed exchanging valentines and participating in some fun activities based around making friendships. In celebration of Black History Month and President's Day students learned about the influential figures who have helped shape our nation. The children put together colorful and informative projects, which, are displayed around the school.

As the spring season approaches, it is a time to observe and celebrate all of the changing around us. Reflecting back on the beginning of the year to now the children who came to us in September are taller, stronger, and more energized. They are maturing socially, emotionally, and academically as well. Our children are making friends, taking greater responsibility for their behavior, and answering higher-level questions during academic instruction.

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place March 9th-12th. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday students will be dismissing at 1:15. On Thursday, there is no school for students and teachers will be available for conferences from 12:30-7:30. Please set up a conference with your child's teacher if you haven't already. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about your child's growth and progress as well what he or she still needs to work on.

Please take time to read with your child each night! A copy of *Runaway Ralph* will be coming home with your child later this week. Participating in the different activities and reading this as a family is a great way to grow their literacy skills! Take time this spring and observe your child for the many ways he or she has grown; and celebrate the successes! Thank you for all you do as parents and guardians to support, motivate, and inspire your children!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brad H. Kohlhepp
Principal

Important Date(s) & Special Events

- 3/2-3/6 Read Across America Events**
- 3/5 One Book One School Kickoff (Runaway Ralph) *Special surprise assembly for students***
- 3/5 School District Dress Down Day for CHOP**
- 3/9-3/12 Conferences (3/9, 3/10, 3/11 1:15 Dismissal)**
- 3/12 No School for Students (Conferences 12:30-7:30)**
- 3/13 No School for Students (Teacher Development Day)**
- 3/18 Spring Picture Day (Barksdale studios will return to take spring pictures. Parents can select outfit of choice for this photo.)**
- 3/19 Book Club with Mrs. Hokanson (6:00-7:00)**
- 3/24 Title 1 Night with Mrs. Wilchensky (6:30-7:30)**
- 3/31 & 4/1 Frog and Toad Musical (See Schedule Below under Music Notes)**

A Few Reminders

If your child is sick please keep them home. They are expected to be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If you ever visit the doctor, please remember to get a note. This excuses all absences.

Spots in the Prospect Park School and Kindergarten Academy are reserved at all times during the school day. Please refrain from parking in the lot during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please continue to be mindful and abide by the morning and afternoon drop off and pick-up routines. These routines are in place for the safety of the children, parents, and staff. Please cross your child at the crossing guard. Use the car loop or park and walk to the 10th Avenue doors to drop off.

As mentioned since orientation, your child will not be released without your Yellow Dismissal Card. This is district policy and is in place for every K-2 student in the district.

Remember a picture of the card on your phone is acceptable. If you misplaced your cards or need new ones, please contact the office.

SPREAD THE WORD: REGISTRATION FOR THE KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY and PRE-K (2020-2021) IS UNDERWAY. CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND PLEASE CONTACT PATTI O'SHEA IN THE REGISTRATION OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Diamond Team (Miss Cesarine, Ms. Mullen, Mrs. Spiotta, Mrs. Young)

There is a lot to look forward to in March! We are anxiously awaiting spring, and practicing for our Frog and Toad performance. We are also gearing up for Read Across America Week and all things Dr. Seuss. Conferences will be held the week of March 9; please remember dismissal will be at 1:15 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, with NO SCHOOL on Thursday and Friday of that week. We look forward to meeting with all of our parents! In math we are working hard on numbers 11-19. Please remember to review word wall words and read with your child every night!

Have a great month! ☺

Sapphire Team (Mrs. Grentz, Mrs. King, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Regino, Ms. D.W.)

The Sapphires team is ready to welcome in the month of March (and hopefully more Spring weather) with enthusiasm! This month we will be focusing on fun themes, such as Dr. Seuss' birthday, Spring and zoo animals as we prepare for our field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo in the middle of April (April 15, more info to follow)! Please remember to respond to your child's teacher about conference week, which is March 9-12th.

During Writing this month, we will continue to focus on using a capital letter at the beginning of our sentences as well as beginning with a story starter, such as: Today, Yesterday, My sister and I, etc. We are also practicing putting a period at the end of our sentence, as well as using spaces in between each word. As the number of word wall words on our word wall increases, we ask that you continue to practice these words at home, whether it be picking them out in library books, on signs or in their own writing.

In math we have begun chapter 7, which focuses on representing, counting and writing numbers 11-19 (otherwise known as the tricky teens). We will also continue to practice our newly found skills of addition and subtraction, as well as counting by 1's and 10's to 100, comparing numbers and numeral writing.

Please continue to practice shoe tying and coat zippering at home, as well. We also encourage you to dress your child in layers. With the weather still so unpredictable, we want them to be comfortable throughout the day, no matter what the temperature! Think Spring thoughts!!

Emerald's Team (Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Lennox, Mrs. Madormo, & Ms. Hazard)

During our Orton-Gillingham phonics instruction, our students will continue to work on identifying letters and sounds, forming letters correctly, and blending sounds together to form a word. We also practice writing dictated words and sentences using the Orton-Gillingham approach. We are encouraging our students to take the skills learned during OG and *apply* them during our small group guided reading time. Guided reading provides the children with many opportunities to work on vocabulary words, phonological/phonemic awareness, comprehension, and decoding. The children are making nice progress!

In math, our students will continue practicing addition and subtraction. We will also learn how to represent, count, and write the teen numbers.

Please continue practicing self-help skills with your child at home, such as tying shoes and zippering jackets.

We look forward to the arrival of the spring season and hopefully some warm weather! Thanks for all you do to help support your child's learning.

Mr. Mac's Buzz

In Physical Education class the students will be preparing for the American Heart Association Jump-A-Thon.

The event will take place in the K.A. Gym on Friday April 24, 2020.

The students will exercise for 60 minutes on April 24th- moving from exercise station to station. The students will be learning and practicing each exercise in gym class leading up to the event.

This is a fund raising event (raising money not required to participate). Last years class raised over \$4,000. to help the American Heart Association. The students receive thank you gifts and the school receives money to purchase Physical Education equipment, everyone wins!!

Information about the event will be sent home soon with your child.

Please remember to double knot your kids sneakers.

Thanks,

Mr Mac
Health & Physical Education

Mrs. Hokanson – Library/Computers/Science

On March 5th all students will receive a copy of Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary for our One Book One School celebration! Please read this book throughout the month with your family! A parent letter and activity sheet will accompany the book. Any questions, ask Mrs. Hokanson and Mrs. Ward in the library. Follow us on Twitter @kacademylibrary

March Music News!

March is MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH!! This year's theme is MUSIC CHANGES LIVES. Each day we have something planned for the students to help celebrate music and its role in our lives and culture.

Check out my Twitter page for updates!

We are so excited to be sharing our Spring musical:

A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD with you! The students already know some songs and scenes from the show.

Performances are March 31st & April 1st in the morning.

March 31st

8:45 – Young, Grentz, Regino

10:00- Doherty, King, Webber

April 1st

8:45- Hazard, Madormo, Lennox

10:00- Cesarine, Mullen, Spiotta

Please come early to the performances as space is limited.

Please check out my Twitter page for music facts and Interboro music news.

If you'd like to help with our show, please email me at dena.kilian@interborosd.org !

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Kilian

Follow me on Twitter! @MusicClass109

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From: School Nurses

Subject: Strep Throat

From time to time it becomes important to inform parents of certain infections arising in the school. Multiple cases of **strep throat** have been diagnosed in various classrooms. Group-A Streptococci are bacteria that can cause a variety of illnesses, the most common of which are strep throat, scarlet fever and impetigo. Please review the following information:

Causes: Strep throat is an infection caused by streptococcus bacteria; infection is more common in children than adults. Strep throat is easily spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes contaminated droplets into the air and another person inhales them. A person can also get infected from touching these secretions and then touching their mouth or nose. If not treated strep throat infections can lead to scarlet fever, rheumatic fever, skin and ear infections, and pneumonia. Children are most likely to pass strep to others when they have symptoms and until they have been on antibiotic treatment for 24 to 48 hours. Symptoms usually begin 1 to 3 days after exposure. Someone can be contagious for 10 to 21 days or longer if the disease is untreated.

Symptoms:

Strep Throat - may include

- sore throat
- fever
- headache
- stomachache
- tender, swollen glands in the neck

Scarlet Fever

- may have all symptoms of strep throat
- bright red, rough textured(sandpaper) rash – begins on the trunk and spreads outward
- nausea/vomiting
- strawberry tongue

Treatment: Call your healthcare provider; the diagnosis of strep throat/scarlet fever is best made by a throat culture. Strep infections are treated with an oral antibiotic for 10 days. Occasionally a healthcare provider may give a single long-lasting injection. If left untreated or only partially treated (not taking all of prescribed medications), strep infection may occasionally lead to rheumatic fever or kidney disease.

Prevention: Wash hands frequently. Cough or sneeze into tissue. Dispose of tissue properly. The use of handkerchiefs is not recommended. Toys and surfaces should be washed and disinfected daily. Food and eating/drinking utensils should not be shared.

Please send and physical or dental forms to the nurse's office ASAP.

