

PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT
IN THE SCHOOL SIDE
PARKING LOT, IT IS ILLE-
GAL TO PASS A STOPPED
SCHOOL BUS THAT HAS
ITS RED LIGHTS FLASHING.**

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Dear Families and Friends,

During the last week of March, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will begin to complete New York State exams in English Language Arts. These assessments will be followed by the state Mathematics exam to be given the first week of May. These exams will be administered beginning at 9:00 a.m. each morning according to the following schedule:

Grade 3-5 English Language Arts exams

Tuesday, March 28 – Thursday, March 30

Grade 3-5 Mathematics exams

Tuesday, May 2 – Thursday, May 4

To ensure that our students are relaxed, confident and prepared to do their best, we ask that you please encourage your children to:

- Get to bed early and be well rested;
- Eat a healthy nutritional breakfast;
- Arrive to school on time each morning;

Do their best by reading directions and test items carefully and completing each section of the test.

We respectfully request that you ***please do not schedule any non-emergency appointments during this time frame.*** However, if your child is physically ill, we encourage you to have them remain home from school on the test days. Make up exams will be scheduled over the three school days immediately following each examination period.

We want children to feel their best to be able to perform their best.

Finally, please remember that these exams are only one measure of a student's progress over the course of the school year. Our students have been well taught to use good reading, writing, thinking, listening and computation skills. We are confident that they will be successful and thank you for your continued support at home.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Sanita
Principal

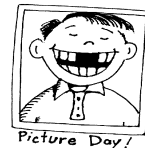
Bus Drill

On Tuesday, March 7, all Pine Bush Elementary students will participate in a routine bus safety drill at 9:00 am. This drill is the last of three annual drills which are required by New York State. The purpose of these drills is to instruct students in procedures that would be utilized in the event of a bus emergency. Prior to the drill, students will participate in group bus meetings.



Spring Pictures

Lifetouch Photographers will be at Pine Bush Elementary on **Monday, March 13**, for Spring Pictures. Flyers will be sent home in early March. Please be sure to fill out the form and send it in with your child on March 13th.



Pine Bush Follies

Whether you sing, dance, perform magic or have some other hidden talent, the Follies is the place to showcase your creative spirit! At the Follies you can perform your individual or group act in front of our Pine Bush Community. The Follies will be held on Saturday, March 25th.

PTA Meeting

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. We are looking for volunteers to fill many open positions for the 2017-2018 school year.

Movie Night

Mark your calendars! Join us Friday, March 10th at 6:30pm to watch Wall-E hosted by the Guilderland High School Environmental Club. Bring the whole family for a night of fun. Blankets, pajamas and pillows are encouraged as we gather in the cafeteria. Popcorn and snacks are available for purchase. The movie is free, but donations to the Guilderland High School Environmental Club are welcome. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Superintendent's Conference Day

Please note that there will be No School on Friday, March 17, due to the Superintendent's Conference Day.

Note from the Nurse to Grade Five Parents:

Please remember that your child cannot be admitted to Grade Six without physician documentation of chicken pox disease or chicken pox vaccine and/or the booster vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (Tdap).

Family Vacations and Student Attendance

School attendance is extremely important during the elementary years to the academic growth of children and the development of positive attitudes toward school. Parents/guardians need to make every effort to have their children attend school on a daily basis. If a student will be absent more than two (2) days, parents/guardians are encouraged to call the school to request work. Absences due to illness cannot be avoided, but long absences for other reasons should be avoided if at all possible. It is strongly recommended that families do not take vacations while school is in session as it may affect a student's overall performance at school. Student/family vacations are not recognized as excused absences. A great deal of learning takes place during the school day. Learning is not only reflected in written work or work that can be sent home, but primarily takes place during hands-on activities, discussions and interactions between teachers and students in the classroom. Teachers are not expected to provide assignments in advance as many times it is difficult to predict the pace at which the class will be learning new information.

Upcoming Events . . .**April**

- 4 *NO SCHOOL, Gr. K-2 Only for Parent Conferences*
 5 *Spring Concert, 7:00 pm*
 12 *11:30 am Dismissal, Gr. K-2 Only for Parent Conferences*
 13 *Grades 3-5 3rd Quarter Report Cards Available on SchoolTool*
 14 *NO SCHOOL—GOOD FRIDAY*
 17-21 *NO SCHOOL—SPRING RECESS*
 24 *SCHOOL RESUMES*

May

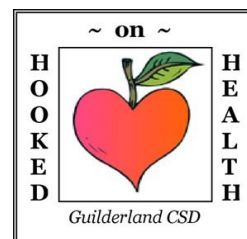
- 1-5 *NYS Math Testing*
 10 *PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm*
 16 *BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION*
 26 & 29 *NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day Recess*
 30 *SCHOOL RESUMES*

DID YOU KNOW?

The average child sees 10,000 ads each year, 95% of which are for fast foods, sugar cereals, soft drinks and candy?

HOOKED ON HEALTH:

Use these negative food ads to your advantage. Every time you see one, pick an exercise and do it for the length of the commercial. (i.e. push-ups, crabwalks, curl-ups...this is known as commercializing.

**School Closings and Delays**

As the winter approaches it is possible that weather conditions may require closing school on certain days. Delayed openings and early dismissals may also occur. Information concerning closings, delayed openings and early closings will be carried on the following radio and television stations:

Parents please note that on days when the opening of school is delayed by one of two hours, there are no staff present to supervise children who arrive at the regular time. Please do not drive your child to school earlier than the delayed opening time expecting that someone will be available to watch him or her.

Whenever schools are closed for emergency reasons all night activities and continuing education classes are also cancelled.

Stations and Dial Positions:

WGY 810 AM

WFLY 92.3 FM

WYJB 95.5 FM

WRVE 99.5 FM

WRGB (TV) Channel 6

WXXA (TV) Channel 8

WTEN (TV) Channel 10

WNYT (TV) Channel 13

Capital News Channel 9

Emergency Early School Dismissal

If the school district should decide to close early due to inclement weather conditions, we should receive notification by 10:30 a.m.

Please be advised that our revised dismissal plans calls for high school students to be dismissed at noon, middle school students will dismiss at 1:00 revised dismissal plan calls for

Guilderland Website:

www.guilderlandschools.org