

PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018



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

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Dear Families and Friends,

When we return from our April recess, 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 and second 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

Wednesday, April 11 & Thursday, April 12

Grade 3-4 Mathematics exams

Wednesday, May 2 & Thursday, May 3

Grade 5 Mathematics exam (computer-based test)

Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8

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 two 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.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Sanita".

Christopher T. Sanita
Principal

Art Show

The Guilderland Elementary Art Department is celebrating the K-5 Elementary Art Program with our annual Elementary Art Exhibit. The exhibit is a selection of works that is a representation and observance of the K-5 Elementary Art curriculum. Our district-wide Elementary Art Exhibit will be held at the Guilderland Public Library from March 28 – April 25, 2018. Please join us at our opening reception on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the library's Helderberg Room as we celebrate the Elementary Art Program.



Donations Appreciated

Mrs. Monlea is accepting donations for any Pine Bush T-shirts or sweatshirts. Please send them in with your child to be dropped off in the office or to Mrs. Monlea's classroom. Thank you.



Library News



TumbleBookLibrary has a tablet and smartphone app for subscribers (all Pine Bush students and staff are subscribers - you must login with our school's account information listed below). The free apps are available for Apple iOS and Android devices and can be found at the Google Play or Apple Stores by searching for TumbleBooks. Once the app is downloaded, click the School button and enter the following information:

Username: pinebush

Password: apple

Once you have logged in the first time, each following login should only require a click of the TumbleBooks icon!

While your using the app, your experience on the site is the exact same experience you'd have if you logged in using your browser! You just need an internet connection to stream content, and there are no downloads to log up your device! Storybooks are the default screen. Click the menu(top, left corner) to access read alongs, ebooks, graphic novels, nonfiction, games and more! Please contact Mrs. Harmon if you have any questions.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be available on SchoolTool on Thursday, April 19th. If you would like a paper copy of the progress report sent home, please contact the main office at 357-2770. Thank you.

Upcoming Events . . .**April**

- 2-6 *NO SCHOOL*—Spring Recess
 9 School Resumes
 10 *11:30 am Dismissal, Grades K-2 ONLY*—
 Parent Conferences
 11-12 NYS Grades 3-5 ELA Testing
 16 *Grades K-2 ONLY—NO SCHOOL*
 19 3rd Quarter Report Cards Available on
 SchoolTool
 26 Grade 5 Band Celebration at GHS 6:45 pm

May

- 2-3 Grade 3 and 4 NYS Math Tests
 7-8 Grade 5 NYS Math Testing
 10-11 PTA Spring Plant Sale
 14-18 Bus Driver Appreciation Week
 15 BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION
 7:00 AM—9:00 PM
 17 Grade 5 Visit to FMS
 28 *NO SCHOOL*—Memorial Day Recess
 29 School Resumes

April is National Autism Awareness Month - “Light It Up Blue”

There is no single known cause of autism, but increased awareness and early diagnosis/intervention along with access to appropriate services/ supports lead to significantly improved outcomes.

www.autismspeaks.org

Breakfast is the Most Important Meal of the Day!

Studies show that students who eat breakfast do much better in school than students who skip breakfast. Breakfast eaters can concentrate better, have more energy and have better muscle coordination. Remember to choose a breakfast that is well balanced. Start everyday off with breakfast!

**2018-2019 Transportation Forms**

All students in Grades K-4 must return a transportation form for the 2018-2019 school year. Please return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Memorial Holiday

All Guilderland Schools and district offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

**Spring Recess Friday, March 30, and April 2-6, 2018
 School Will Resume on Monday, April 9, 2018**

