



Weekly Bulletin December 12, 2014

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Winter is upon us! Please be sure your child/children are dressed appropriately-hats, mittens, boots, and jackets. We allow for outdoor recess as much as possible (weather permitting.)

December 8-12 was National Computer Science Education week. Fourth and fifth grade students at Johnson School joined a national movement by participating in The Hour of Code during Computer and Media classes. Ms. Torpey kicked off the event with an inspirational video from President Obama. Students were highly engaged in solving puzzles and writing code to create their own games. Upon completion students were able to print out a certificate of participation.

We just heard from the Burlington Trout Hatchery that our trout fry will be arriving shortly after the New Year. Fourth graders will be learning about ecosystems through this fabulous hands-on environmental program. You can check out more information at cttrout.org or on the Facebook page: Candlewood Valley Trout Unlimited #309 Trout in the Classroom!

Soon, winter break will be upon us! This is a great time of year to visit the CT Science Museum as a family. They have wonderful exhibits for your children to explore and enjoy. Check them out at <http://www.ctsciencecenter.org/>

Very truly yours,
 Mrs. Alison Salerno
 Principal



December Calendar

23	Early Dismissal 12:56
24-31	Holiday Recess
1-2	Holiday Recess

PTO NEWS

The Holiday Shoppe is well underway, and it's on track to be one of our most successful fundraisers so far. Thank you to co-chairs Dana Jonson and Dalene Foster, as well as the volunteers for your time and effort.

Our big news is the playground equipment is installed, and now the kids have basketball hoops and more swings. This was a huge project and we would like to thank Bob Germinaro, his staff, and the Park & Recreation department for installing the equipment, as well as Shani Burke-Specht and last year's PTO Board for spearheading this effort.

'Tis the season to be thankful, and we would like to give thanks to all the parents who volunteered at our PTO events this fall, our baking committee, and especially Marcey Briscoe, Dawn Fawcett, Amy Gusitsch, Bobbi Jo Beers, Caroline Baia, Rebecca Chamberlain, Kris Correard, Jen Jorgensen and Liz Nilsen who chaired these events and fundraisers. We look forward to meeting and involving more of you in the new year!

Upcoming PTO Events

School Store open Fridays before school
PTO Meeting: December 16th

Contact Christine Cohen to help out with any PTO event:
cacohen10@gmail.com

Emergency Closing of School Due to Inclement Weather
Snowflakes will be flying! So with this in mind it is very important to have a plan in place for your child should the superintendent close school early due to inclement weather. Children become very anxious if they don't know where they should go on the day of an unexpected closing of school. Thanks for your help.



Morning Drop Off Procedures

If you are driving your child to school please use the outside lane. For the safety of each child, please drive your child to the cross walk at the end of the building. A paraprofessional is on duty until 8:10 to assure it is safe for your child to cross the street.

Attendance Reminders

Please remember that all daily absences/tardies **must** be reported to the attendance line even if you have notified your homeroom teacher.

An absence is only considered **excused** (for the first 9) if a **follow-up note from the parent** is sent to the homeroom teacher when the student returns to school.

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