

79TH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 551-79TH STREET, NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304

THE STARLIGHT EXPRESS APRIL 2017



HOME OF THE STARS!

MAIN OFFICE 278-7900

HEALTH OFFICE 278-7907

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND FRIENDS,

It's April and there are only 12 weeks left in the school year. It's time for a little **SPRING CLEANING!** (And a little warm weather too!)

Please make sure that all of your child's contact information is up to date (address, phone numbers, contact people, etc.) To do this, please stop in the main office or call 278-7900 during school hours.

The same holds true for all of your child's medical information. Just contact our **nurse, Mrs. Snyder at 278-7907.**

Here are a few important reminders regarding arrival to school and departure from school. Please make sure that your child arrives to school - **ON TIME!** There have been too many incidents of tardiness. The doors are open at 8:45 am (8:30 am for breakfast students). School begins at 9:00 am. Please drop your child off at the 8:45 am bell if they are not having breakfast. On the

other hand, please do not drop off students too early in the morning. We do not have staff to supervise them before 8:30 and we don't want them staying outside unattended. If you need your child to get to school early due to work or other commitments, you can inquire about the latchkey program at 79th Street School operated by the Boys and Girls Club.

DISMISSAL: If you need to make alternate plans for pick-up after school, please arrange this ahead of time and send in a note. We understand that emergencies may arise causing a pick up change on the rare occasion. We are releasing 470 children. **Daily calls to the office at the last minute make dismissal confusing and difficult for us and your child.** Bus students are already out of their classes and boarding busses by 2:45 (1:45 on Tuesdays). ALSO...The office staff leaves at 3:00 and 3:15 each day. Their work day is from 7:30-3:00

and 8:15-3:15.

DON'T BE LATE!

Please pick up your children by 3:00 each day (2:00 on Tuesday). After 3:00 p.m., **we do not have staff available to supervise these children for your late arrival.** Too frequently, staff stays beyond their work day because of students left at school.



THE SCHOOL NURSE'S
DIRECT PHONE NUMBER IS: 278-7907



OUR LOST AND
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BIN IS FULL. PLEASE CHECK OR HAVE YOUR CHILD CHECK FOR ANY MISSING CLOTHING, JACKETS, ETC.



Thanks to all, the 79th Street School Annual Basket Auction was a great success!

NYS TESTING

New York State Testing is extremely important. We expect 100% participation. If your child is in grades 3-6, they need to be here on time, well rested, having had a good breakfast and ready to go.





CHARACTER COUNTS

Each month our teachers and staff are able to submit names of students they feel represent the school district's monthly character trait. The trait for March was **PERSEVERANCE**. These students do not give up, even when things are difficult.

Here are the students who were recognized for **PERSEVERANCE** in the month of March:

Mr. Aulet's class – Selena Velez, Joseph Sturdivant

Mrs. Chille's class – Vincent Ryals, Crystiana Maikranz

Mrs. Marazzo's class – Madisol Padilla-Velez, Alex Hartel

Mrs. Dominguez's class – Alexis Andrzejczyk, Jayden Basden, Ava Peterson

Mrs. Grant's class – Edward Koban, Steven Lenz

Mrs. Williamson's class – Kyra Janese, Blake D'Antuono

Mrs. Deuro-Naughton's class – Jacklyn Hoffman, Isabel Ealy

Mrs. LaRock's class – Kileigh Santiago, My'Juan Tabb

Mrs. Yost's class – Ava Mercurio

Mrs. Lowry's class – Mac Spencer, Olivia Gulla, Moriah DeLorenzo

Mrs. Pedulla's class – Mya Cunningham, Kelis Lopez

Mr. St. Onge's class – William Brass, Calvin Davis, Kiersten Davis

Mrs. Presutti's class – Deanne Reuillard, Asya Barnett, Gavin Lewin

Mrs. Stromberg's class – Molly Syposs, Daniel Brown

Mrs. Garabedian's class – Jerriana Davis, Izabela Wynn, Zachariah Moyer

Mrs. Graff's class – Amaya Printup, Aubrey Pendleton

Mrs. Orfano's class – Austin Manning, Angelina Palazzo

Mr. Aversa's class – Carmen Siever, Miranda Jones

Mr. DelZoppo's class – David Rigby, Julia Kepp

Mr. Zacher's class – Noah Bowen, Sean Garrison

THE 79TH STREET SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE "LEARNING FOR ALL, WHATEVER IT TAKES." TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS MEET OR EXCEED LOCAL AND STATE STANDARDS. TO PREPARE EVERY STUDENT FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF LEARNING IN A POSITIVE, ENJOYABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

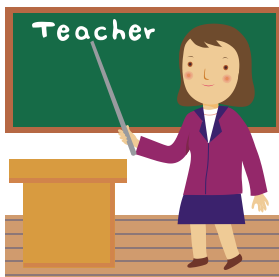
NON-PROMOTION LETTERS

Grades K-2 non-promotion letters were mailed home at approximately the same time as report cards. Letters were sent home to students who are **AT RISK** of non-promotion **AT THIS TIME**.

It does **NOT** mean they will be held behind. It **IS**, however, a warning of the possibility of non-

promotion if adequate improvement is not achieved in the final 10 weeks of school. If you have questions, you should be sure to contact your child's teacher.

Grades 3-6 letters will be arriving within the next few weeks.



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

- April 7th Dress Like a Rock Star
- May 12th Favorite Superhero Day
- May 26th Favorite Character Day
- June 16th Patriotic Day



THE TRAIT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL IS: COURAGE!





IMPORTANT!

We make every attempt to keep all of our children safe! ALL children should be dropped off at the door. No children should be escorted to class by parents, grandparents, etc. If parents are scheduled to volunteer, they must sign in at the office, get a visitor sticker, and sign out when they leave so we have a definite count of who is in

the building at all times. You may not enter the building in the morning to speak with teachers or staff unannounced. We cannot interrupt teachers in the morning or during instruction to speak with you. Of course, you may leave a message or send a note at any time and the teacher will contact you as soon as possible. If you need to enter

school during the day, you must always enter from the front and proceed directly to the office.

As I'm sure you are aware, we cannot be TOO careful in this day and age! These rules are not meant to insult you, they are meant for the continued safety of our children. Tight se-



PRINCIPAL'S BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER



The Principal's Book of The Month for October is *The Honest to Goodness Truth*, written by, Patricia McKissack. When Libby is caught in her first lie to her mama, her own shame far outweighs the punishment dealt out by her mother, and she makes a vow: "From now on, only the truth." But the girl's strict enforcement of her own rule soon lands her in deep water. Soon she's spreading the truth all over town--about the hole in her friend Ruthie May's sock in front of everybody, and the fact that Thomas didn't have lunch money and needed to borrow some from the teacher, and how old Miz Tusselbury's yard looks like a jungle. By now, no one is talking to Libby. Perplexed and glum,

she turns to her mama for another lesson on telling the truth. Her promise to "tell the truth no matter how much it hurt" leaves a trail of wounded feelings and offended people, but Libby doesn't understand the reactions she's getting until her beloved horse is called an "old flea-ridden swayback." When Libby gets a small spoonful of her own medicine she really grasps the difference between the right way and the wrong way to tell the truth. Libby learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth either.

Children know just how difficult it is to find that balance between a lie and the honest-to-goodness truth. The heroine's heart is in the right place, and she works through her confusion in recognizable, easily followed stages.

