

Booth Hill Elementary School

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From the Principal – May 2018

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and the Booth Hill Elementary School Community,

When discussing independent reading at home, inevitably, reading levels, complexity, topic, interest, and genre surface. However, impact on practice points to **interest** being the primary driver of independent reading to improve student performance (Shanahan, 2018). In fact, interest has shown to improve both comprehension and oral accuracy favorably.

What do you have the greatest interest in reading? I'm certain that you had to struggle through a topic, manual, article, or some book in school, college, or career. Yes, we all got through them, but were we motivated? Yes, we also need to learn how to persevere through tasks that aren't our favorite, too. When it comes to child and adolescent reading, imagine being stuck on a level and disengaged with the topic. It's no wonder children sometimes dread reading or hate it when finding themselves in this situation.

So what can we do about it? Literacy scholars posit that if we find the child's motivation and interest we can meet their needs, improve their reading, and stop disengagement in its tracks. One suggestion is having students check out two books – one decided by the teacher or adult for practicing a particular skill (as this is important for kids to have literature that will advance their learning) and another book that they choose to read of interest. The next time you find yourself reading and choosing books with your kids, remember to take into account what genre or topic they want to read. There will always be a book of appropriate complexity to match this interest. As always, contact me, our reading specialist (Mrs. Burns nburns@sheltonpublicschools.org), or your child's classroom teacher if you have questions.

Announcements

Thank you to Mrs. Recker for coordinating our Junior Achievement Day at Booth Hill School. This day gives an opportunity for our children to be taught about work readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. It is a great day for students to learn about how communities work and engage in activities with peers, adults, and community members.

I want to give a special thank you to our current PTO officers. They have dedicated countless hours to organizing and executing many of our events, gatherings, functions, and fundraisers over the past years. Mrs. Diana Guerra - President, Mrs. Michele Fernandes - Vice President, Mrs. Sara Widomski - Secretary, and Mrs. Marie Tillson – Treasurer are members of our current executive board. Only Mrs. Widomski will be returning to her role. Oh behalf of the school faculty and staff, I thank each of them for their service to Booth Hill School and its students. In addition, thank you to all the parents who have chaired an event, volunteered at an event and school, and contributed to the excellence of our school over the past year. Your service does not go unnoticed!

State Testing – In May, students in grades three and four will participate in Smarter Balanced Testing. English Language Arts and math are the two areas that students will be assessed on in each grade. These are important indicators of students' understanding of grade level skills and concepts and their ability to apply them appropriately. We know that our students are well prepared for these assessments. Please make sure students have a good night's sleep and breakfast prior to testing so they are alert and focused.

Screening – In addition to grade three and four assessments, all students will take internal assessments during the month of May. These help teachers prepare lessons and see how far students have grown since their first iteration of the same

test in September. If you are interested in the results, please contact your child's classroom teacher once the assessments are complete in May for more information.

Summer School Programming – If you are interested in summer school programming and enrichment activities, please follow the link for more details: <https://sites.google.com/a/sheltonpublicschools.org/summer-program-2018/>

Character at BHS

The students of Booth Hill School came together as a Team during the month of March as they continue to follow our school motto of *Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Each Other, and Take Care of Our School*. As part of the school Positive Behavior program students are rewarded with raffle tickets when they are caught following our expectations without prompting. The staff is also on the lookout for students who display the core values we hold important to their success.

The core value focus for the month of March was **Teamwork**- a cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group of persons acting together in the interest of a common cause. Students at Booth Hill School displayed these behaviors to achieve a sum of more than 425 raffle tickets during the month of March. Students displayed teamwork in every corner of the building from working together in class to working together on the playground during their recess as well as in the cafeteria. For their efforts, the whole school was rewarded with a game of whole school BINGO the day before leaving for April vacation. Not only did each classroom have a winner, but the students were truly excited for their classmates as the first winner of their classroom hollered out!

The following students were the Buddy Spirit Stick recipients for **Teamwork** across the month:

Kindergarten: Mylee A., Owen N., Julia W., Summer C., Max P., Scott C., Abby M., Casey M., and Lillian W.,

First Grade: Sarah M., Kaitlyn C., Luca R., Jack G., Jack L., Aiden T., Isabella M., and Dana A.

Second Grade: Ekam M., C., Miya D., Leighton P., Joey R., N., L., and Brayden T.

Third Grade: Kirsten C., Khloe K., Lexi S., Evan B., Bobby C., Derek L., Addie L., Christopher F., Winter W., Eman A., Jose D., Hassan S., Luciano B., William G., Helen B., Jacob G., Alexis S., and Luke R.

Fourth Grade: Mia M., Eleni P., Ashlie Z., Elijah E., James Z., Matthew B., and Ayaan N.

Every step our school takes toward working together and embracing the opportunity to authentically show concern for one another makes Booth Hill School a more positive environment to learn in as well as nurture everlasting relationships with one another.

The focus core value for the month of April is **Resilience**. Once again the students had a lesson at the beginning of the month and teachers have recognized their students who display this trait. Stay posted to learn who these students are in next month's newsletter.

Additional Information

BigY has started a school reward's program. We currently have 19 BHS parents signed up. This is similar to Stop and Shop's reward program for which you may have already signed up. Each time you scan your card, a percentage gets donated back to the school. If you shop at Big Y and can spare a few minutes, please go to: www.bigy.com/rs/educationexpress . Once on the site, click on the link and log-in and register your card number. Booth Hill School is already registered as an option to link to your card. Thank you in advance for supporting Booth Hill through this program.

Upcoming Information (please see calendar for the most comprehensive list)

Student Council – meets at 8:10 in the morning on May 11 and May 25 in the library media center.

School Store – Please see the calendar for dates for each grade. The school store opened on February 20th and has been rotating grades each week since that date.

No School – May 28, 2018 – Memorial Day

PTO End of Year Picnic – June 8 – more information to follow from the PTO.

Next Year – Do you have plans to move before the start of next year's school year? If so, please make the main office aware of these possible changes. It helps us in making class lists. On that note, if there are any special circumstances or considerations regarding class placement, please let me know via email at JZavodjancik@sheltonpublicschools.org

From Food Services: Do you know you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children at any time during the school year? If a family member has been laid off or your work is seasonal, you may qualify. Applications are available on www.sheltonpublicschools.org under District Information> School Lunch Program – Family Application 2017-2018. All questions can be answered by calling 203-924-1023, extension 309.

Change in pick-up: Please make every effort to inform us of changes in pick-up as early as possible. We prefer that you send a note in with your child to the classroom teacher in the morning. It is difficult to change our dismissal lists to specific staff in the late afternoon once they have been distributed.

Emergency Drill- During May, we will have an emergency drill – i.e.: lockdown, shelter in place. In addition, there will be an off-site evacuation drill at some point during May. This will be completed in conjunction with the Shelton Police Department.

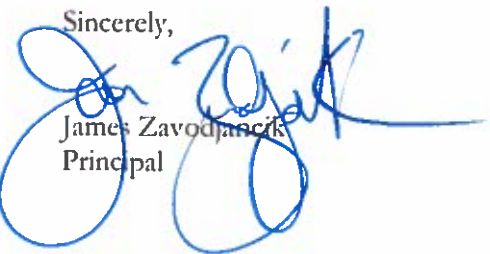
Attendance - Please remember the following for tracking attendance:

- a.) All late arrivals and early dismissals without formal documentation are considered unexcused.
- b.) An absence becomes excused when the school receives formal documentation within ten days of the absence.
- c.) A student is considered truant if he/she accumulates 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year. A student is considered chronically absent when he/she misses 10% of their school attendance for any reason.
- d.) *Perfect attendance is awarded at the end of each trimester and once at the end of the year. Students are eligible for this distinction when they are present each day including an on time arrival and remaining for the duration of the school day.

Lastly, for the most up-to-date information and postings, please *follow me* on Twitter @BoothHillSchool

Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and take care of your school!

Sincerely,


James Zavodjancik
Principal

Welcome to our Lunch Cafe at...

Shelton Elementary Schools

May 2018

MEATLESS MONDAY

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



1 Chicken Nuggets
crispy breaded chicken nuggets perfect for dipping in your favorite sauce
Oven Baked Fries
Red Pepper Strips
Cinnamon Applesauce
Fresh Pear
Celery
Diced Pear Cup
Pineapple Cup

2 Cheeseburger
burger topped with cheese on a freshly toasted bun
Baked Potato Wedges
Cucumber Coins
Cherry Tomatoes
Baby Carrots
Fresh Apple
May is National Hamburger Month

3 Crispy Tacos
homemade spicy taco meat inside a crispy taco shell topped with cheese wrapped in a tortilla
Refried Beans
Fiesta Corn
Diced Peaches
Fresh Banana

4 Cheese Pizza
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese
Garden Salad
Green Pepper Slices
Diced Peaches
Fresh Apple
Celebrate School Lunch Hero Day on May 5th

7 Stuffed Bread Sticks
baked bread sticks filled with melted cheese
Sweet Corn
Cinnamon Applesauce
Fresh Pear
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Orange

8 Crispy Popcorn Chicken
crispy breaded chicken bites baked to perfection
Oven Baked Fries
Diced Tomatoes
Cucumber Coins
Cinnamon Applesauce
Fresh Pear
Celery
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Apple

9 Meatball Hero
freshly baked meatballs mixed in a rich tomato sauce inside a soft roll topped with melted mozzarella
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Cucumber Coins
Fresh Pear
Cinnamon Applesauce

10 Homemade French Toast
slices of bread coated in an egg batter, with cinnamon and vanilla
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana
Celery Sticks
Apple 100% Juice

11 Cheese Pizza
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese
Spinach Salad
Green Pepper Slices
Diced Peaches
Fresh Apple

14 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
golden toasted bread with melted gooey cheese pressed and prepared in-house
Tomato Soup
Sweet Corn
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana

15 Mac & Cheese
whole grain pasta smothered in creamy cheese sauce
Chili Roasted Garbanzo Beans
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana
100% Orange Juice Blend

16 Pancakes & Sausage
light and fluffy pancakes served with a sausage patty
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana
Celery Sticks
Apple 100% Juice

17 General Tso's Chicken
breaded chicken smothered in General Tso's sauce
Beans & Rice
Fiesta Corn
Diced Peaches
Fresh Banana
Chicken available with or without sauce

18 Cheese Pizza
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese
Garden Salad
Green Pepper Slices
Diced Peaches
Fresh Apple

21 Mozzarella Sticks
crispy mozzarella sticks filled with gooey cheese, perfect for dipping into your favorite sauce
Cherry Tomatoes
Cucumber Coins
Diced Pear Cup
Fresh Apple

22 Pasta & Meat Sauce
freshly cooked pasta with meat sauce
Garlic Bread
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Apple 100% Juice
Fresh Banana

23 Crispy Chicken Sandwich
warm crispy breaded chicken on a bun prepared in-house
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Cucumber Coins
Fresh Pear
Cinnamon Applesauce

24 Chicken Corn Dog
juicy chicken hot dog surrounded with a corn dog crust
Baked Potato Wedges
Baked Beans
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana

25 Cheese Pizza
crispy pizza dough topped with tomato sauce and melted cheese
Spinach Salad
Green Pepper Slices
Diced Peaches
Fresh Apple

28

29 Fluffy Waffles
warm whole grain waffles
Baby Carrots
Pineapple Cup
Fresh Banana
Celery Sticks
Apple 100% Juice

30 Super Bacon Hot Dog
hot dog on a bun with bacon, mustard, and onion
Baked Potato Wedges
Cucumber Coins
Cherry Tomatoes
Baby Carrots
Fresh Apple

31 Soft Tacos
freshly prepared fiesta-style meat with melted cheese wrapped in a warm soft taco shell
Refried Beans
Fiesta Corn
Diced Peaches
Fresh Banana

Whitson's School Nutrition

We proudly support clean, organic local and sustainable agriculture.

SIMPLY ROOTED™ in food and family

We offer a variety of balanced choices to satisfy the needs of customers. This is because we are Simply Rooted™ in food and family and we care about our young customers. Our ingredients are locally sourced, all natural, and organic or non-GMO, whenever possible.



Lunch Prices

Full Price Lunch \$2.75
Reduced Lunch \$0.40
All lunches come with fruit, vegetable and milk selection.
Milk variety includes skim, 1% white milk and fat free chocolate

Questions, comments?
Contact Linda Stanisci @ 203-924-1055

Alternates Available Daily

New* - Grilled Cheese - Back by popular demand!
Chicken Nuggets- Whole grain breaded chicken nuggets
Bagel Lunch - Whole wheat bagel, low fat y yogurt w/cheese stick
Garden Salad Entree - Mixed Greens, tomatoes, cucumbers and low fat cheese w/ whole grain roll
Meatless Weekly Alternates:
Week 1 Organic Yogurt and Fruit Parfait with Granola
Week 2 Veggie Burrito
Week 3 Veggie Burger, Whole Wheat Bun
Week 4 Hummus Plate with Veggie Sticks and Pita Bread
Week 5 Organic Yogurt and Fruit Parfait with Granola

*Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Menu is subject to change, notice posted when available. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

From the PTO

**Help Support the
Booth Hill School PTO
at Bella Rosa Pizzeria Ristorante**

500 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, CT 06468



Monday April 30th

11am – 10pm

Dine-In, Take-Out or Delivery.

**Please be sure to mention Booth Hill School
Shelton or bring in this flier.**

Check out www.bellarosapizza.com for a listing of menu choices.

Bella Rosa will donate 10% back to Booth Hill School PTO.
Money raised will be used to help fund the various programs
sponsored by the PTO throughout the school year.

Thank you for your support.