



Naquag Elementary School
The Wachusett Regional School District

Merry March Messages, 2020

To: Naquag Parents, Guardians, and Friends

From: Dixie Estes, Principal

Dr. Seuss Week! Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 6!

We invite you to join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss Week, the first week of March!

Monday March 2 "One Fish. Two Fish!" PTO Estimation Jar - One jar per grade level!

Tuesday March 3 "Green Eggs and Ham!" Wear Green Day!

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Thursday, March 5 "My Many Colored Days!" - Wear many colors! (no face paint or hair color)

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OR Wear Red/White/Blue

PTO "Basket Raffle" - Friday, March 13!

Classroom Contributions Monday, 2/24 - Friday 3/6

Naquag's PTO will be hosting their annual "Basket Raffle" on Friday, March 13! Each classroom has selected a specific basket "theme". Classroom "themed" contributions may be donated to the classroom basket; basket contributions will be accepted Monday, February 24 - Friday, March 6. Classroom "raffle basket" themes are:

Kindergarten:

Mrs. Baldwin	Outside Fun
Mrs. Balyk	Travel the US
Mrs. Borges	Spring Gardening
Ms. Knight	New England Sports
Ms. Nichols	Baking

First Grade:

Ms. Little	Dogs and Puppies
Ms. McCormack	Arts and Crafts
Mrs. Strong	Family Fun Night
Mrs. Szczuka	Birds, Birds, Birds
Mrs. White	Italian

Second Grade:

Mrs. Allyn	Sensational Science/Exciting Experiments
Mrs. Anderson	Summer Fun
Mrs. Esposito	At the Beach
Mrs. Humphrey	Gift Card Collection
Mrs. Jordan	Scratch Tickets Galore



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Tuesday, March 17 - Everyone is encouraged and welcome to wear green for "St. Patrick's Day"!

Friday, March 27 - "Fabulous Friday - Number Day!" Wear a shirt with a number on it!

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2020 – 2021 Kindergarten Registration Now Open

Registration information for the Kindergarten class of 2020-2021 is available online on the District's website www.wrsd.net. **All kindergarten registration papers should be brought to Naquag's school secretary, Carleen Smith, at Naquag's front office.** We kindly ask you to pass this information on to anyone you may know in our School District with a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2020.

- Please see the District's web page for additional information: www.wrsd.net .

Information on Lice

Lice may affect anyone, regardless of background and hygiene. Lice cannot fly or jump – they are normally transferred during direct head to head contact. Cases of lice may occur during winter months, sport seasons (using helmets, etc.), recitals and after sleepovers. To aid in preventing the spread of lice, we suggest you openly discuss the spread of lice with your family. Remind your child to be aware of their surroundings and not to share items that touch their heads like hats, helmets, hair ribbons, etc. Please check your child's hair for evidence of lice. The spread of head lice can be controlled with prompt diagnosis and effective preventative treatment. Naquag Elementary School takes cases of lice very seriously. If a lice case is brought to the attention of Naquag School Nurse Amy McGeary, each child in that classroom is checked for lice. Additionally, before returning to school, the affected student is checked by Nurse Amy to ensure the absence of lice. If several cases are found in a classroom, administration will send a letter home to inform parents of students in the affected classroom.

Please notify Nurse Amy ASAP if your child has lice. This information will expedite the process of identifying and following our protocol to assist children and parents as needed. If you suspect your child has lice, please notify Nurse Amy at 508-886-2901. It is important that the school has accurate knowledge of this information. For additional information on how to diagnose or treat



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head lice, feel welcome to contact Nurse Amy and/or consult your family physician or a local pharmacist.

Naquag School Survey - Coming Soon in May!

Our annual School Survey will be available online early May 2020 (specific dates to follow). The School Survey is used to better assess our school's learning environment and communication needs. Naquag's School Improvement Council (SIMCO) developed this survey. Our School improvement Council will review and discuss the results to acknowledge parents' opinions and improve our learning community.

STATE LAW: Stop for School Vans & School Buses

Safety first is always a priority for Naquag Elementary. Please remember to STOP when necessary for school buses and vans that are transporting students. The law applies to all vehicles used as a school bus. The Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 14 uses broad language:

"When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the words "SCHOOL BUS" and which is equipped with front and rear alternating flashing red signal lamps which are flashing, as provided in Section Seven B, and which has been stopped to allow pupils to alight from or board the same, a person operating a motor vehicle or trackless trolley shall . . . bring his vehicle or trackless trolley to a full stop."

Important March 2020 Dates to Remember

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- 3/4 Wednesday PTO Meeting @ 6:30 – Naquag Library
- 3/6 Friday PowerSchool Parent Portal - access to report cards will be turned off.
- 3/11 Wednesday WRSD Special Olympics (Wachusett Regional High School) 10-12:30
- 3/12 Thursday Early Release Day @ 12:30 – PD Day for teachers
(Dismissal procedures will begin at 12:15)
- 3/13 Friday PTO Basket Raffle!! 6:30 - 7:30 (Naquag Cafe/Gym)
- 3/17 Tuesday Wear Green Day! (Happy St. Patrick's Day!)
- 3/23 Monday SIMCO @ 4:00 (Front Conference Room)
- 3/27 Friday March "Fabulous Friday - Number Day!"



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3/30 Monday (Wear a "number" shirt OR Red/White/Blue.)
Term 3 Ends

Important April 2020 Dates to Remember:

4/1 Wednesday PTO Meeting @ 6:30 - Naquag Library
4/2 Thursday Spring Pictures (Information will be forwarded)
4/3 Friday Report Cards available "Online" for Term 3 after 4:30 & Progress Reports
4/8 Wednesday Second Grade Presentation "We Come From Everywhere!"
(Same Show @ 10:00 & 2:00 - All of Grade 2)
10:00 (Doors open @ 9:45)
2:00 (Doors open @ 1:45)
4/20 - 4/24 April Vacation – No School
4/27 Monday SIMCO Meeting @ 4:00 – Front Conference Room