

FALLIN' INTO SCHOOL

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Summer has come to an end and another school year is upon us. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, and a sincere thank you to returning families and those that chose to spend their summer with us. We enjoyed making memories with your children and are looking forward to spending the fall season together. Please review the reminders below carefully so we can make the most of our time together over the next few months. As always, our administrative team is here to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely, Karen Baccarella & Michael Martinez



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Our school does not follow the local elementary school schedule as we are open more days per year. For the 2020-2021 school year the days we are closed are:

- **Labor Day** 9/7/20
- **Veterans Day** 11/13/2020 Closed for Professional Development Day/ Veterans day
- **Thanksgiving Day/Day After** 11/26/20 & 11/27/20
- **Christmas Eve** 12/24 Close at NOON
- **Christmas** 12/25/20
- **New Year's Eve** 12/31 Close at 3 pm
- **New Year's Day** 01/01/21
- **Presidents Day** 02/13/2021 Closed for Professional Development Day
- **Memorial Day** 5/31/21
- **Independence Day** 7/04/21



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

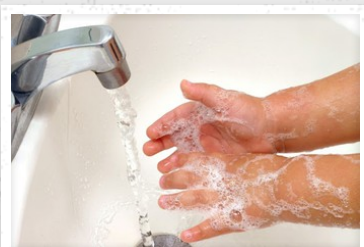
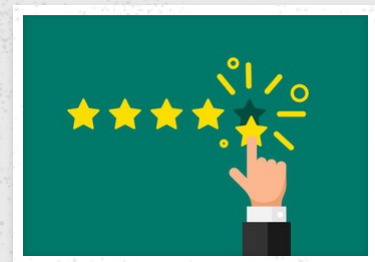
- Mr. Michael **9-17**
- Lillian G **9-19**
- Ms. Jazmin **9-27**
- Jennings H **9-29**

FALL CUBBY REFRESH

It's finally starting to get cooler and we are planning extra outdoor time to take full advantage of the fall season. Please make sure your child has sunscreen and a weather appropriate change of clothes in their cubby and outerwear when applicable.

LOVE OUR SCHOOL? LEAVE US A REVIEW!

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about schools for their children. That is why we are asking you to take a few minutes to visit our school profile on Yelp, Google or GreatSchools to share the wonderful experiences you have had with our school. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!



HELPFUL TIPS TO ENCOURAGE HANDWASHING

Handwashing is an easy way to prevent the spread of germs and keep your family healthy. We teach the importance of

handwashing and practice throughout the day at school, but we encourage you to continue this healthy habit at home. Remind your child to wash his hands throughout the day, but especially after using the bathroom, before meals, after playing outdoors and after blowing his nose. Below are a few helpful tips for keeping those little hands clean.

1. Make handwashing accessible

Children love showing their independence. Ensure that your child can reach the sink, soap and hand towel. If not, provide him with a step stool. He'll be more likely to want to wash his hands if he can do it himself.

2. Sing songs to encourage appropriate amount of time washing

The CDC recommends scrubbing your hands for at least 20 seconds. Sing a song to pass the time. Some favorites include "The ABCs," "The Wheels on the Bus," "Happy Birthday" and "Baby Shark."

3. Allow your child to choose their favorite soap

Another way to make handwashing fun is to allow your child to pick the antibacterial soap. It could be his favorite color or have his favorite cartoon character on the packaging.

4. Post reminders near the sink

Encourage your child to help you create a poster with words and pictures detailing the steps for handwashing. Place it near the sink where he can see

5. Reinforce good behavior

Children pick up new habits when positively reinforced. After he washes his hands, praise him for his good behavior and reward him with a sticker, stamp or other small trinket.