



UNION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Fall 2017

Dear Union School Families,

This has been such a wonderful first week of school. Almost every member of our faculty has commented on how thoughtful and ready to learn the children have been! As I walked down hallways and visited classrooms throughout the school, I saw nothing but smiling faces.

This year we will continue to work to design learning experiences that engage students deeply and lead to profound learning. We want all students to feel true motivation and understand that their effort makes a difference in their learning and performance in school and beyond.

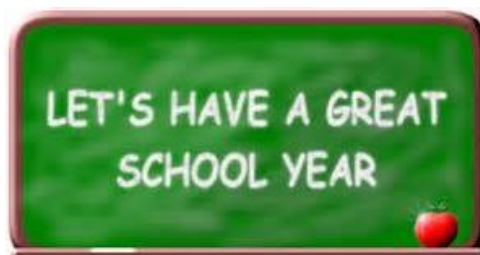
As a part of our positive school climate goal, we will continue to emphasize respectful, responsible, and safe behavior throughout the school. Today your child participated in an event called “Rocky’s Road Trip.” Rocky the eagle is our school mascot. We have taught students that Rocky is always looking out for respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. All students attended an assembly and mini-lessons throughout the school. In small groups, children were taught the positive behavior expectations for each area – hallways, classroom, cafeteria, playground, etc.



Finally, I hope you will join the teachers and I at Curriculum Night on September 14th. This is a special evening designed to keep you informed about what your children are learning as they progress through the grades.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eckler



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Office Hours

8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

860-673-2575

Caitlin Eckler, Principal

Cheryl Wells, School Secretary,

Kathy Banta, Special Service. Secretary

Ann Savarese, School Nurse



Farmington Collaborative Pre School

Hours: 7:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

EXCL

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. 3:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

PLEASE CALL THEM DIRECTLY

860-404-0112 ext. 5

School Start Times

School Start Times School begins promptly at 8:45 a.m. Students will be tardy beginning at 8:46 a.m. Students will be let off the buses as they arrive each morning and will walk directly to their classrooms. Walkers and those being driven to school should arrive no earlier than 8:30 a.m. If you need childcare in the morning, please contact EXCL. Please make sure that if you drive your children to school, you are here with enough time for them to walk to their classroom by 8:45 a.m. If you need to drop off your child(ren), please adhere to the guidelines explained in the Parent Handbook in order to keep our students, their families, and teachers safe.

Attendance Policy

Attendance Policy Daily attendance is a key factor in students' academic success and it contributes to the development of personal responsibility. Connecticut schools are required to intervene when students meet the prescribed definition of truant. Truant means that a child has four unexcused absences in a month or ten unexcused absences throughout the course of the school year. Please refer to the family handbook located online for more details about the attendance policy.

Please remember to call the nurse directly by selecting Option 2 in the morning to report that your child is going to be absent, or late to school.

Union School Welcomes

I know you will join me in welcoming new members to the Union School Community.

Grade 1: Allison Eiseman

Art: Nicole Bastiaanse-Fritch

Katarina McKinney

Music: Hannah Skinner

Gina Raczkowski

Spanish Teacher: Monika Hunt

Social Worker: Jessica Wright



Virtual Friday Folders

Quarterly newsletters, PTO correspondences, town flyers, and other communications will be distributed through our Virtual Friday Folders. This green initiative was a huge success in past years, saving us paper, time and money. We hope all families will participate by accessing your emails every Friday without fail. You may also go directly to the district website, www.fpsct.org, select Union School and choose the desired electronic publications.



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 Labor Day, School Closed
September 14 Curriculum Night, 6:00 p.m.
September 20 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 21 Rosh Hashanah, School Closed
September 27 School Picture Day
September 30 Nature's Open House, Winding Trails



October 1 Nature's Open House, Winding Trails
October 9 Columbus Day, School Closed
October 10 Professional Development, School Closed
October 12-13 Paul Cryan Pictures, 3:30 p.m., Music Room



November 2 Suzuki Drama, Union School 1:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
November 7 Professional Development, School Closed
November 8 Principal Forum, 6:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
November TBD Veterans Day Assembly, 9:00 a.m.
November 13-14 Conference Days, Early Closing 1:15 p.m.
November 22 Turkey Trot
November 22 Thanksgiving Recess, Early Closing 1:15 p.m.
November 23-24 Thanksgiving Recess, School Closed



December 13-14 Professional Development, Early Closing 1:15 p.m.
December 22 Holiday Sing Along 2:15 p.m.
December 25-29 Holiday Recess, School Closed
January 1 Happy New Year, School Closed



Farmington Public Schools Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

Please refer to page 4

The Farmington Board of Education will not make employment decisions (including decisions related to hiring, assignment, compensation, promotion, demotion, disciplinary action and termination) on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, or gender identity or expression, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification. Questions concerning Title VI or Title IX compliance should be directed to: Kim Wynne, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 or at [860-673-8270](tel:860-673-8270). Questions concerning section 504 compliance should be directed to: Dr. Laurie Singer, 2 School Street, Farmington, CT 06032 or at [860-677-1791](tel:860-677-1791).

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
2017-2018 MEETING SCHEDULE
DATE TIME LOCATION**

August 28, 2017 7:00pm Farmington High School

September 11, 2017 7:00 p.m. East Farms Elem. School

September 25, 2017 7:00 p.m. Irving Robbins Middle School

October 16, 2017 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

November 13, 2017 7:00 p.m. West Woods Upper Elementary School

December 11, 2017 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

January 8, 2018 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

January 22, 2018 7:00pm Noah Wallace School

February 10, 2018 - *Budget Meeting* 9:00 a.m. – 2:00pm Farmington High School

February 12, 2018 (*Regular & Budget*) 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

February 13, 2018 – *Budget Meeting* 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

February 14 (*if needed*) – *Budget Meeting* 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

March 5, 2018 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

March 19, 2018 7:00 p.m. Union School

April 10, 2018 (*Tuesday*) 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

May 7, 2018 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

May 21, 2018 7:00 p.m. West District School

June 4, 2018 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

June 18, 2018 7:00 p.m. Farmington High School

Approved: May 6, 2017

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017-2018 School Calendar

August – 4 Days					September – 19 Days					October – 20 Days					November – 19 Days				
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December – 16 Days					January – 21 Days					February – 18 Days					March – 21 Days				
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April – 16 Days					May – 22 Days					June – 4 Days					180 Instructional Days (as mandated by the State of Connecticut) 185.5 Teacher workdays School Hours: Farmington High School 7:29am – 2:23pm IAR Middle School 7:45am – 2:31pm West Woods 8:45am – 3:15pm All Elementary Schools 8:45am – 3:15pm				
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EXPLANATION OF DATES:

August 21 and 22 August 23, 24, 25 August 28 September 4 September 21 October 9 October 10 November 7 November 22 November 23-24 December 25-January 1 January 15 February 19-20 March 30 April 9-13 May 28 June 8 June 7 June 7, 8, 11, 12, 13	New Teacher Orientation Days (2 days) Teacher Professional Development Days (PD) First Day of School for All Students () Labor Day – Schools/Offices Closed Rosh Hashanah – Schools Closed Columbus Day – School & Offices Closed Teacher Professional Development Day Teacher Professional Development Day (Election Day) (PD) Early Closing for Thanksgiving Recess Thanksgiving Recess – Schools & Offices Closed Holiday Recess Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools & Offices Closed Winter Recess (Includes Presidents Day) Good Friday Spring Recess Memorial Day – Schools & Offices Closed Tentative Last Day for Students (Early closing schedule TBD)** Tentative last half/day for teachers (TM)* Make-up Days for Snow Days✓
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*If the number of snow days exceeds five (5) days, any additional days may be taken from the Spring Recess beginning Mon, April 9. In cases of emergency, the Board can change the adopted calendar upon recommendation of the Superintendent.
 Please note: There is no school for students on Professional Development Days (noted as PD on the calendar above)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent conferences are held at various times throughout the school year, therefore, the school day is modified at the elementary schools, upper elementary school and middle school on the following dates:

Farmington High School ♦ IAR Middle School ○ West Woods Upper Elementary School ○ Elementary Schools	Evening Open House – September 15 12:31pm Dismissal – October 25, 26 and 27 1:15pm Dismissal – November 14 & 15 and March 20 & 21 1:15pm Dismissal – November 14 & 15 and March 20 & 21
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District wide Professional Development Half Days:
 > All Schools to dismiss according to half day times above on December 13 & 14, February 7 & 8, May 16 & 17

Calendar Approved: 12/12/2016