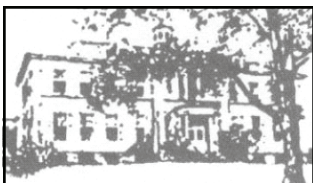


Noah Wallace School News



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(*Bengali*) Hwan yung hap ni da (*Korean*)

Welcome to our Noah Wallace School Families:

We are the world here at Noah Wallace School and we welcome you all back to another exciting school year. We invite all of you to meet new friends, renew friendships and become an important part of our vibrant school community. A special welcome goes out to our new students and their families. We are confident that you will make a smooth transition into our school and make lots of new friends, too.

The beginning of the school year is a very special time for all of us. It is a time to refocus on school work, reconnect with school friends and share new and challenging ideas. I am honored to serve as your school principal and look forward to working together with teachers, students and parents.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Noah Wallace School, I welcome you all to the 2010-11 school years.

Best wishes for a successful school year,

Dr. Diane B. Cloud

Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND NUMBERS

School Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NWS Office Phone: 860-677-1659 Fax: 860-677-8024

Dr. Diane B. Cloud, Principal Ext. 1802

Mrs. Alda Debboli, Secretary Ext. 1801

Mrs. Marie Baron, Clerk Ext. 1800

Ms. Laura Molusis, School Nurse, 860-677-1659 Ext. 1205

M & J Bus Company, 860-674-1241

Website: www.fpsct.org

August/September 2010

Welcome Back Edition

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thu Aug 26 Ice Cream Social for new students in grades 1-4 6:30p
 - Fri Aug 27 Kindergarten Open House 9:00-10:30a
 - Mon Aug 30 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! 8:30a
 - Fri Sept 3 Opening of School assembly - 9:00 a
 - Mon Sept 6 Labor Day: No School
 - Tue Sept 7 BOE Meeting @ FHS 7:30p
 - Thu Sept 9 Rosh Hashanah - No School
 - Tue Sept 14 NWS PTO meeting in Library. Please join us! 6:30p
 - Wed Sept 15 NWS Curriculum Night *
AM Kgtn 5:30-6:00p PM Kgtn 6:00-6:30p
Grades 1-4 6:30-7:45p
- *All Curriculum Night presentations will begin promptly. Please be on time. Thank you.
- Fri Sept 17 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
 - Mon Sept 20 BOE Meeting Workshop 7:30p
 - Tue Sept 21 Picture Day for all students. Smile!
 - Thu Sept 23 Autumn begins!
 - Mon Oct 4 BOE Meeting @ IAR 7:30p
 - Mon Oct 11 Columbus Day: No School

GREAT NEWS!

The March 2010 CMT scores are in and we are proud to announce that Noah Wallace School's third and fourth grade scores were outstanding. The scores below represent the percentage of students who reached goal on the CMT in all three academic areas. Congratulations go out to our amazing teachers and our hardworking students.

Grade 3	Reading	Writing	Math
	80.9	80.0	80.9

Grade 4	Reading	Writing	Math
	93.4	83.6	95.1

Exciting faculty news

Mr. Richard Abraham - Morning Kindergarten teacher

Mr. Abraham is a resident of West Hartford. He received his undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Central Connecticut State University and is currently enrolled in a Master of Arts program in literacy at St. Joseph's College. He worked as a student teacher in Kindergarten under the supervision of Mrs. Sally Chaves at West District School for the 2008 - 09 school year. Last year, he worked as a literacy tutor at Laurel School in Bloomfield instructing grade 1 - 4 students in reading. Mr. Abraham also worked for several years as a Camp Manager for the Town of West Hartford. He brings enthusiasm, skillful teaching strategies and a love for children to his new position here at Noah Wallace School.

Ms. Laura Harvey - Special Education teacher

Ms. Harvey is a resident of Wethersfield and a graduate of Boston College, Lynch Graduate School of Education. At Boston College, she majored in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. In May 2010, she was awarded a master degree in special education. She will be working closely with Mrs. Ayers. Ms. Harvey completed her student teaching at Horace Mann Elementary School in Newton, Mass. Ms. Harvey is an accomplished athlete and played on both the varsity soccer and rowing teams at BC.

Mrs. Jessica Ayers - Special Education teacher

Welcome back to Mrs. Ayers. Mrs. Ayers is returning to Noah Wallace after a year at East Farms and we are all delighted to have her back. Mrs. Ayers is a West Hartford resident and has several years experience in the field of special education. She is a creative, responsive and nurturing teacher.

Best wishes to Mrs. Donna MacDermott as she moves up to third grade. After many years in kindergarten, Mrs. MacDermott has decided to spread her wings and expand her teaching skills. We are delighted to have her join the third grade team this year.

Farmington Public Schools Student Profile and Important Student Information

Enclosed you will find your child's school record information. We must have your signature on file stating this information is correct. Please read the information carefully and write any corrections to this student profile card, sign the form and return it to the school office by August 15.

Student tardy and absence phone calls should be made to the school office by the start of the school day before 9:00 a.m. You may leave a message on the office voice-mail. 860-677-1659. Students late to school must report to the school office before walking to their class.

Student Dismissals:

Children will be dismissed following their regular routine. Whenever there is a change in your child's dismissal routine, a note from the parent or guardian **must** be sent to school and submitted to the principals office prior to event. **The safety of all our students is one of our primary concerns.** Parent phone calls to the office to change dismissal plans are discouraged as a misstep with communication may occur. Thanks for your cooperation.

NOAH WALLACE SCHOOL Goes Green

e-PUBLICATIONS

The monthly newsletter and the weekly Friday Folder documents will continue to be distributed **exclusively via email** (those without email access may request paper copies by calling the school at **677-1659**).

Continuing this school year, we will be sending all publications to parent email addresses. The email address we have for each family is printed on the Emergency Information Sheet that is included in this mailing for your review. Please update and/or correct this information and return it to the school office by August 15.

Please be sure during the school year that the school has current email addresses, home phone, cell phone and work phone numbers for your family.

You can also still view Friday Folder and Principal Newsletter publications at any times by going directly to the district website (www.fpsct.org). Go to *Schools*, select *school name*, and choose the desired electronic publication.

HEALTHY NUTRITION POLICY

Many of our Noah Wallace students have a variety of severe allergies. In order to maintain a healthy and safe school environment, we are asking all of our Noah Wallace families **not** to bring any food items to the classrooms for snacks, special treats or birthday parties. In addition, we have adopted a new school wide policy regarding classroom birthday celebrations. Our teachers will recognize students' birthdays in the classroom on a monthly basis. We are requesting that no birthday food items or gift bags be sent to school. If you would like to recognize your child's birthday in school, you may donate a book to the classroom library or school library. You will be receiving more information on the Birthday Book Club soon which is organized by the PTO.

LOST & FOUND TIPS - Last year we collected two barrels of lost and found items from our students. Almost all of the items did not have names in them and were donated to local agencies. This year, please write your child's name in their coats, jackets, hats, lunch bags and back packs. We will make every effort to see that lost items are returned to our students. Thanks for your cooperation.