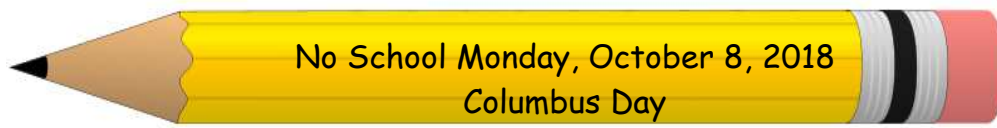


Messages from Mittineague



News from Technology:

Mrs. Florek and I would like to welcome everybody back. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and practiced your typing. It feels good to be back and we are excited for the new school year. We will be working on keyboarding, Google Docs, Google Slides, research, website evaluation, programming, and much more. Currently first grade is working on logging in and getting use to the keyboard and the touch pad. Second is starting to focus on keyboarding and will delve more into Internet Safety. Third, fourth, and fifth grades are doing their beginning of the year assessments. They are doing Google Draw, Google Docs, and Google Slides respectively. Remember any time your child can spend practicing keyboarding will be a big help. Typing.com and Typing Club are wonderful sites and can be found on our websites. We are still collecting used printer ink cartridges. If you have any please send them in with your child.

Notes from Music:

This year Music Class will be super! Music has a wonderful way of opening us up to kindness, courage, cooperation, compassion, and joy; just to name a few. This year students will be immersed in various styles of music and artists to connect to the world around them. They will achieve this through singing, playing instruments, and musical games. This will give them knowledge of the world and a joy of music they can carry with them as they grow. See you in music class!

Mrs. Ari

News from our Counselor...

OPERATION SANTA

Operation Santa is a community program, sponsored by the Park & Recreation Department and the West Springfield Parish Association, in conjunction with the West Springfield Cupboard. This program distributes food baskets and toys or gift certificates to needy families in West Springfield. If you feel that you may qualify for this program, please fill out an application and return it with the required documents by **November 9, 2018** to:

West Springfield Park & Recreation Department
26 Central Street, Suite 19
West Springfield, MA 01089

Applications can be found with Mrs. Edwards in the main office or with Mr. Chasse at Mittineague Elementary School.

Please remember that the following documents must accompany the application:

1. PROOF OF RESIDENCY
2. PROOF OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
3. PROOF OF INCOME

If you have any questions about this program or the application process, please contact Mr. Chasse at Mittineague Elementary School.

Mr. Chasse
School Adjustment Counselor
413-263-3327
chasse@wsps.org

For your
Calendar

October 2
Grade 4 to MRF
Facilitv

October 2
School Banking

October 8
No School

October 9
School Banking

October 10
Walk/Bike to School
Day

October 15
PTO





News from the Class of 2026 and 2027

Life is sweet in 4/5 grade! The students spent the month of September setting goals, working as a team, and building a classroom community. The students and I have quickly discovered the magic of being a part of a combination classroom.

In reading, the students have learned how to choose "just right" independent reading books from the classroom library, self monitor and jot thoughts while reading, as well as respond to their reading. As a group, the students have constructed their own reading response rubric based upon their own goals and expectations for their writing. The students use this rubric daily to respond to reading and improve their responses.

As a group we have been reading because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea. This realistic fiction story follows the life of seven 5th grade students as they begin a new school year with a new teacher, Mr. Terupt. The story is set up by chapters (each chapter is told from the perspective of a different character). Through this, we are able to learn about each character's family/background, relationships with others, feelings, and attitudes. Through thoughtful discussions and literature circles, the students have connected to the characters, identified character traits, recognized differences in perspectives, and have even learned a few lessons themselves about how to treat others and be a good friend.

In writing, the students spent the month of September focusing on "Superpowers" and "the best part of themselves." The students followed the steps in the writing process to brainstorm, draft, revise, edit, and publish their writing. Through sharing, the students have learned about each other's abilities, strengths, and hobbies.

In math, the fourth and fifth grade students began the year reviewing place value. The students in fourth grade have been working on place value of whole numbers and multiplication while the students in fifth grade have been working on place value of whole numbers and decimals. So far, I have been impressed with the math homework completion!! The students check their math homework each morning with a partner in order to check for correctness and engage in "math talk." Please continue to encourage your child to read and complete math homework each night.

If you ever need a thing, please e-mail me at kshypula@wsps.org! THANK YOU for supporting your child's education!

PTO

The next PTO meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018, from 5:00-6:00. It was wonderful to see some new faces at our last meeting!

PTO President: Robin Sayward
Co-Vice Presidents: Nancy Bowie, Anne Lacienski
Treasurer: Kim Smith
Secretary: Da' Monique Veighy

Remember...

Don't forget to clip and send in box tops and soda tabs (for Shriner's Hospital)!

Also, please don't forget to register your Stop and Shop card!



Word of the Week punctuality (n)

On time, prompt. Acting at the right time, ready.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"In a world where you can be anything... Be kind!

anonymous



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