



Wales Window March Edition



Wales Elementary
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Important Dates:

🎵 All-Region Band Concert: Tuesday March 1st at 7pm at the Tantasqua HS Auditorium.

Wales Students that will be participating are:

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| ▶ Robert Bishop | ▶ Pallas Garcia |
| ▶ Sharon Tringali | ▶ Leo Yutzler |



Read Across America Day:

Wednesday March 2nd

In Celebration of Dr. Suess' Birthday we will have special guests reading to the students.



Public Hearing:

The School Committee Budget Hearing for the FY' 17 budget will be held on March 16th, 2016 at 6:30pm





Reading Connection

With

Ms. Nowacki, Title 1 Reading Teacher



Games for Successful Readers

CRAZY WORD

Create a night when everyone brings a crazy word to the dinner table. Challenge all family members to find words with unusual spellings. Start with the newspaper, which offers a wealth of words and a variety of usages. Scanning the dictionary should be acceptable and even encouraged. An Internet search might reveal some interesting words, too. Participants can vote for the craziest word. Words like *vacuum*, the only in English with the double *u*, might become the most unusual presentation one night. Look for words with the double *i* together. Look for words or names that have five or more connected consonants.

ALL GAMES

Do you have an older child who can match up with a younger sibling? Encourage that older child to play a game with a younger sibling. Whether it's one of the early reader games like Memory, or a more advanced game like Clue, your older child will not only benefit by teaching the directions, but may also benefit by reinforcing overall skills.

HOMEMADE GAMES

How about encouraging your creative child to make an original board game for the family to play? These games will most likely need directions which the child will have to read and write, and may also involve cards which will require additional reading and writing.

WORD GAMES

Many children enjoy traditional games like Monopoly or Risk. However, there are many board games that promote word skills. Check out games like Boggle Jr., Probe, Scrabble Jr., Quizzler, or Word Yahtzee. Presented with some challenge and excitement, these games can quickly become the games of choice.

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Are you interested in crossword puzzles, word finds, or jumbles? Share your interest with your child. Start with age-appropriate puzzles. Help your child learn more about word parts, definitions, and variations.

March Is National Poison Awareness Month

First Aid: Poisoning

Nearly 90% of childhood poisonings happen in the home and most can be treated at home with advice from the poison control center. However, it's important to know when a poisoning is serious enough to need medical treatment.

Signs and Symptoms

- drowsiness
- sudden change in behavior
- unusual odor
- pill fragments on the lips or clothes
- excessive drooling
- vomiting
- a confused mental state

What to Do

- If you suspect that your child has taken a poison and he or she is alert, contact your local poison control center right away for advice (1-800-222-1222).

Seek Emergency Medical Care or Call 911

If:

- your child has taken a poison and has a change in mental state. It's important to remember to bring the specific bottle or container of the substance that your child ingested.

Do not give a child ipecac.

Think Prevention!

To help prevent poisoning:

- Keep medicines in locked cabinets.
- Keep cleaning products and alcohol in locked cabinets or far out of reach.
- Discard (or recycle) used button cell batteries (like those in watches) safely and store unused ones far from children's reach.
- Never tell a child that medicine tastes like candy.
- Never put cleaning products in containers that were once used for food or drink.



Pre-School Registration:

The deadline for Pre-School Registration is:

May 6th 2016

Preschool will be held from 8:30am-11:00am for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact the school for the necessary forms.

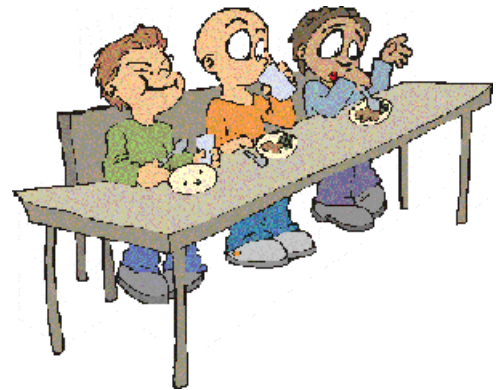
From the Cafeteria:

February 29th—March 4th

is National School Breakfast Week.

Parents are welcome to attend. The cost of breakfast for adults is \$1.75.

Hope to see you there.



March Dates:

4—School Banking

7—School Council Meeting— 3pm

16—School Committee Meeting 6pm

16—Public Budget Hearing—6:30pm

18—School Banking

23—Report Cards

25—No School—Good Friday

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Fun Facts for March:

- ♦ *The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war.*
- ♦ *Daffodil is the birth flower of the month of March*
- ♦ *March is Umbrella Month, Woman's History Month and Nutrition Month*
- ♦ *An old proverb says that "March comes in a like a lion and goes out like a lamb", which means that winter is ending and spring is beginning.*
- ♦ *March is the time of year that animals wake up from hibernation.*
- ♦ *The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in NYC in 1766*
- ♦ *St. Patrick was not Irish, he was from Wales*