



Spring Newsletter

April 2018



Upcoming Dates

Art Show April 12-14, 2018 at Lyman Hall Voag Building

April 23rd Twin Day: Find a friend and dress alike...

Family Yoga Night April 25th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Cook Hill

PTO Mother/Son Scavenger Hunt April 27th from 6:30-9:00 at Parker Farms

Parent Survey K-2

<https://goo.gl/forms/6lztFnwxWi2JDjYd2>

Spanish Parent Survey K-2

<https://goo.gl/forms/SCTk3Xju6v2k4HI52>



Pre Kindergarten

By: Mrs. Kell

The Pre-K students have been learning Fairy tales. We have been reading them and making projects associated with them. The children have learned the moral of the stories and the lessons learned from each one. They listen for similarities and differences in each one.

We ended by dressing as Kings, Queens, Princes, and Princesses.



Kindergarten News

We have been very busy in kindergarten! Kindergarteners have been working on learning how to add and subtract within 10. We have been playing math games and rotating to different math stations to help meet our math needs. Mrs. Wilson's class read *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons* and made a Pete the Cat craft with buttons popping off! Mrs. Nedinsky's class read *Five Green and Speckled Frogs* and wrote subtraction equations next to their own little ponds and frogs. Mrs. Bessette's students played Subtraction Bowling and wrote subtraction number sentences and used number bonds to represent their score! Mrs. Lemieux's students have been playing Addition Connect Four where the kids roll two dice, add the numbers and color the sum on their game board. The first player to get four numbers in a row wins the game!

Kindergarteners also participated in Junior Achievement Day with Quinnipiac School of Business students. Kindergartners learned about how they can contribute to their community by being helpful and responsible. They also learned about earning money and different careers they can choose from when they grow up. Additionally, kindergarten students built "measure mobile" cars during the Eli Whitney Museum program. After building the cars, students raced the cars down tall ramps to see how far their cars could go! We are all looking forward to warmer Spring weather so we can take our learning outside!





Mrs. Berthold's Class Celebrates the 100th Day of School

Cook Hill Reading Committee Announcements By: Mrs. O'Brien

The Cook Hill Reading Committee is excited to introduce new reward ideas from local businesses! When students hand in their completed log by the due date, they are entered into a chance to win one of about 20 rewards. These rewards have been special experiences such as feeding Ms. Friend's fish Swimmy, reading to a class or a buddy, being Royal Reader for the day or getting a free book. A big thank you to Mrs. Lemieux who has been working hard with local businesses to donate some new reward ideas. In February, Catalyst Art Studio donated a gift certificate and a lucky first grader won! M Salon has graciously donated gift certificates for upcoming rewards. Businesses that help support #cookhillkidsread will get a sign to place in the window of their establishment. These signs were created by Mrs. Lemieux with special Cook Hill Cougar clipart purchased by Mrs. Berthold from a CT Teacher of the Year Council grant. Another wonderful idea Mrs. Lemieux has been working on is getting special guests to come in to read with our students. Your child could earn a "Read with a Police Officer" reward for handing in their completed log on time! We thank Mrs. Lemieux for her hard work in coming up with these great ideas to encourage our students to read more at home. Help spread the word by taking a picture of your child and posting it on the PTO page with the #cookhillkidsread!

Thank you to our PTO for Eli Whitney experiences across all grade levels!



Junior Achievement Day with Quinnipiac School of Business



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First Grade at Cook Hill School

First grade students have learned how to tell time to the hour and half hour! They also learned about A.M. and P.M., and determined what time of day events like breakfast and soccer practice would most likely occur. We are now working on adding and subtracting within 100 using a variety of tools and strategies. Practice basic math facts at home to help your child build fluency and automaticity! First graders recently learned many different vowel teams in language arts. We are currently learning about r-controlled vowels. Help your child recognize and decode these phonics patterns when reading at home! First grade writers became experts on a topic of their choice during our informative writing unit. They researched, took notes, and completed a finished piece of writing about their topic. Ask your child what they chose to study! Learning about movement in the sky was our most recent science topic. Students enjoyed learning about the sun, moon, and stars in this unit. Our trip to the Mahan Planetarium was educational and fun for all. March was full of exciting special events at Cook Hill! The children had fun making a 100 year old toy, a marble maze, when the Eli Whitney Workshop came to visit in March. Additionally, we enjoyed celebrating Read Across America week with Dr. Seuss themed activities, including a magic show and Seussical performance. In April, the entire first grade will visit the Beardsley Zoo. We are all excited for our fun field trip!



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**ELL
Updates
By: Mrs.
Crouch**

ELL Updates April 2018

Hello families! My name is Mrs. Crouch and I am the English Language teacher here at Cook Hill. My job is to help students who speak other languages be successful in the classroom. Here at Cook Hill we have many students who are speaking other languages at home. Some of these languages are Urdu, Spanish, Gujarati, Telugu, Punjabi, Hungarian, Tagalog and Bengla. These students bring something special to our school community and we are excited to have such a diverse school! Below are a few things for some of my EL parents.

EL Website: Please click on the link below or add it to your browser to access my site! Here you can see what my program is all about!

<https://sites.google.com/a/wallingfordschools.org/crouchellearners/>

Class Dojo App: I have sent home a form that allows you to log in for your child. This site will be where I communicate with you all about class happenings and share photos and class stories. There is also a permission slip that will come home shortly after you join the group to give me permission to post photos of your child. Please return it as soon as possible!

SECOND GRADE HAPPENINGS

Second Graders have been working in literacy on nonfiction topics. In Reading Workshop, the students have been learning about the different text structures of nonfiction texts such as description, sequence, compare and contrast, cause and effect, and problem and solution.

In Writing Workshop, students have studied and written all about animals, interest topics, biographies, autobiographies and timelines. For our next unit, we will begin learning about facts and opinions. The students will get to state an opinion and provide reasons to support their opinion. They will also learn how to write a friendly letter and persuade someone to do something or change something.

In Math Workshop, the students have been exploring addition and subtraction within 1,000. The students have been using quick picture, open number line, decomposing, number bonds, and compensation to solve. Second graders are now able to solve two-step word problems and think about what the question is asking.

In Second Step, the students have been working on how to calm down their bodies and brains when they are frustrated or scared. Students have been using the strategies of self-talk, stating their feelings, taking deep breaths and counting down before reacting.





K-Kids at Cook Hill School

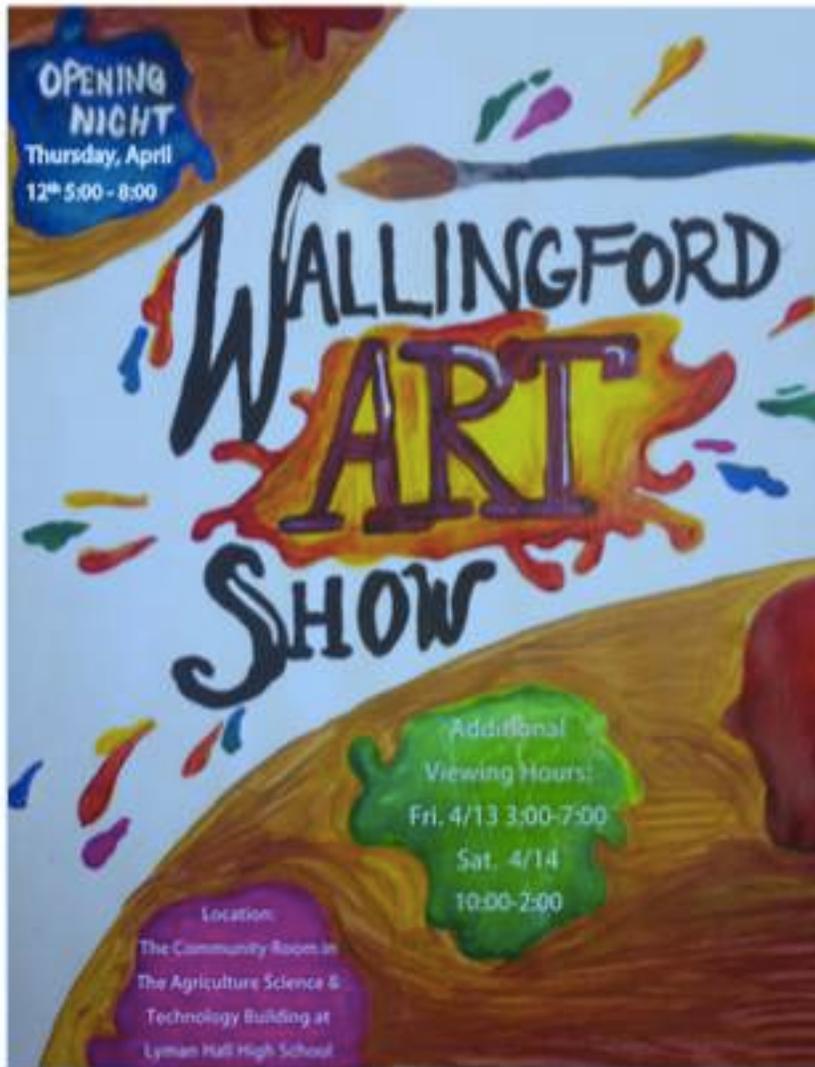


Cook Hill K-Kids have been working very hard supporting causes for our Cook Hill community, Wallingford community and even the state of Connecticut. Over the November and December holidays, K-Kids collected 511 food items and 180 mittens, hats, gloves for Holiday for Giving and Masters Manna. We had a PJ Day to raise money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and collected \$449.50. Our March fundraiser went towards Read To Grow. We collected \$124.00. Our current fundraiser of snack food and water/juice boxes is for Colin's Crew. We create snack bags for family members of children going through cancer treatment. The students of K-Kids are learning the value of helping our community. Thank you for all that support our fundraisers.



*Enjoy your Spring Break
April 16-April 20, 2018
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Congratulations
Cook Hill Artists!

We are proud of you
and your teacher, Mrs.
Fachini!

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