



Dragon Tales

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Dear ISD Parents,

This past Wednesday was the first of five early dismissal Wednesdays during this school year designated for teachers to participate in professional learning. One of the hallmarks of this school system is its commitment to being on the cutting edge in terms of bringing new programs and improve-

ments to the schools based on current research. This translates into needing time to present new information, as well as to conduct training with the teaching staff. In recent years, there was an ambitious agenda to do that without the time allocated to do it thoroughly and more importantly, do it well. **Cont. pg. 2**

THE CALENDAR *Look what's happening at ISD!*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 School Closed	29 Chorus, Pt. 1, 7:55 AM Piazza Class Coffee, 9:00 AM, Café Iwai Class Coffee, 9:00 AM, Falcon house Freedra Class Coffee, 9:00 AM, Café String Lessons	30 Chorus, Pt. 2, 7:55 AM Tedla Class Coffee, 8:45 AM, Café Mink Class Coffee, 8:45 AM, Café String Lessons	1 Adv. Band Rehearsal 7:45 AM Band Lessons (All Adv. & Beg. Percussion) Volunteer Mtg., Media Center, 8:30 AM Peters Class Coffee, 8:45 AM, Café Garafalo Class Coffee, 9:00 AM, Café	2 Martin Class Coffee, 8:45 AM, Café Gr. 4 Parent Personal Safety Mtg., Art Rm., 9:15 AM Band Lessons, Gr. 4 Peter & the Wolf, 1:45 PM, School Assembly
OLSAT/SAT (Grade 3) and DRP (Grade 2-5) Testing 9/29-10/16				
5 4th & 5th Gr. Violas, Cellos, & Bass, 7:45AM Daur Class Coffee, 9:00 AM, Café String Lessons	6 Gr. 3 Violas, Cellos & Bass, 7:45 AM Chorus, Pt. 1, 7:55 AM Murray Class Coffee, 7:45 AM, Media Ctr. McCauley Class Coffee, 8:45 AM Café String Lessons	7 Chorus, Pt. 2, 7:55 AM String Lessons Gr. 3 to New Canaan Nature Center, 3Mi 11:00, 3Mar 12:20, 3Mac 1:40	8 Adv. Band Rehearsal 7:45 AM Band Lessons (All Adv. & Beg. Percussion) Classical Café Gr. 5 Living Museum	9 Band Lessons, Gr. 4 ISD PTA Board Mtg., 9:30 AM
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Principal's Letter Cont. These afternoons present an exciting opportunity to bring new learning to our instructional staff. Please know that the time we gave up with your children was time well-spent and that your children will reap the benefits in the long run.

Next week marks the beginning of a standardized testing period which will run through October 9th. During this period, students in grades two through five will be administered the Degrees of Reading Power Test. This test is a reading test of non-fiction material which assesses comprehension. It is administered again in the spring. In the next week, please consider reading non-fiction materials at home, including books from the library, articles in the newspaper or information found on the Internet. Teachers are working with students on specific strategies they can apply to non-fiction text to prepare them for this test.

In addition, third graders will be administered the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test which is a group-administered cognitive ability test. These students will also be taking many subtests from the Stanford Achievement Test which measures achievement in a variety of subjects. The tests are sent to a testing process center and machine-scored. We will receive the results in several months. Upon receipt, we will review them from the vantage point of the school's performance as well as with each individual student's test result. Related to this topic, parents of 4th and 5th graders will receive the CMT results from tests administered in March. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me.

Sincerely, Terry Ricci

Box Tops are Coming Start saving Box Tops for Education! More information will be posted in the monthly Dragon Tales next week.

From the FLES (Foreign Language In the Elementary Schools) Teacher My name is Jessica Fitzroy and I am the new FLES teacher at ISD. I teach Spanish to one first grade class and all of second grade. I could not attend the Open House, but if anyone would like to stop by and meet me, I am here Tuesday-Friday in the morning before school. Please email me at jessica_fitzroy@greenwich.k12.ct.us

Orchestra News Be on the lookout for a NEW green lesson schedule going home. We have had to do a MAJOR change in lessons due to some scheduling conflicts. Please let me know if you did not receive one! NO Before school rehearsals next week. Bethany Cook



Editors Needed for Dragon Tales

Dragon Tales is looking for two to three editors to join our existing team. Ideal for those who would like to volunteer from home, editors rotate so that you are only "on" for one month at a time. Get to know the front office staff, hear the news first, and put your editing skills to work! No experience necessary, all training and software will be provided. Reply: kateuhry@yahoo.com

Repeat Notices School Photo Day 10/17 & 10/31 — check for \$15 to PTA to office.

Media Volunteer Coffee — 10/1 at 8:30 AM