

Canaan Elementary School

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**Steven J. Swindells
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March 22, 2021

Dear Canaan Parents/Guardians:

Canaan has four buses that transport our students. I have had fewer phone calls this year concerning issues on the buses. I have met with the drivers and encouraged them to keep giving bus slips. I have called home with details of the incidents. Every time a driver takes their eyes off the road, the chance of an accident increases. Periodically, I have viewed the tapes from the cameras on the buses. If you have any bus issues, please contact me at school. I have been pleased with the students' efforts to make the buses safer. It still needs work, but it is getting better.

The second trimester report cards will be going home on Friday, March 26th. Teachers will and, in some cases, have contacted parents concerning the retention or possible retention of students. If you have any doubt as to the status of your child regarding retention, please contact your child's teacher. A meeting will be set up and as a team we will decide whether or not the child should be retained. If the child is to be retained, we will decide which room they will be placed in for the 2021-22 school year. Next year's teacher will be stated on the third trimester rank card.


Just a reminder, when you do math flash cards with the children at home, it helps a great deal. Skills that are drilled at school and then drilled again at home are learned faster. If you practice a skill for more than thirty days in a row it moves into your long-term memory. We also encourage you to continue having your children read to you and that you read to them.

Kindergarten registration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 7th. If you have a child who is going to be five-years-old on or before October 15th, please call school to schedule an appointment. You must have your child screened in the town they live and apply for a transfer to Canaan if you live in another town in the district.

Also, we are taking pre-school registrations for next year. This program is for 4-year-old's. Contact the school to get an application.

There is a Teacher workshop Day scheduled for Friday, April 2nd. No school for students on that day. April vacation is from Monday, April 19th through Friday, April 23rd.

Please visit our web page and let us know if we can be of any help.


Steve Swindells, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the time of year that we traditionally ask for your input regarding your child's class placement for next year. Please do not suggest a specific teacher but rather share your thoughts about your child's learning style and academic and social needs with your building principal in writing by April 26.

As directed by Board policy, it is the principal's responsibility to consider your input along with six other criteria (well-balanced, heterogeneous classroom; boy-girl ratio; learning or special education considerations; teacher input; learning style; social relationships) before making a final placement decision. Because of the uncertainty of both staffing and the number of classrooms, we do not anticipate that final placement decisions will be made until June. Your child's final report card will identify his/her classroom placement for 2021-22.

Please feel free to call your child's principal if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark Hatch
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