



A. W. Cox *Elementary School*

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Welcome to A.W. Cox's Newsletter

From Merry Leventhal Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Monday was March 1st. According to the calendar, Spring is only twenty days away. The school year is flying by. Last Friday we held kindergarten registration. We had over fifty families register their children for the coming school year. As I observed the adorable kiddos who came with mom or dad to register, I thought of the little ones who have attended registration in the past. It is a joy to reflect on all the marvelous children and families who have attended A.W. Cox over the past twelve years.

During this month we will be working on plans for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know you will be relocating please let us know. Any information of this kind is so helpful to our planning whether relating to staffing or materials.

As Always,

Merry Leventhal



A MESSAGE FROM DR. FORCELLA REGARDING NEW REGULATIONS FROM THE USDE

The United States Department of Education (USDE) is implementing new regulations regarding the mandated collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students. The USDE has developed a new way to collect and report race and ethnicity which includes new racial and ethnic categories. The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requiring that the updates be completed by all Connecticut school districts in time for the start of the 2010-11 school year. In order to accomplish this and have staff update the information on our existing students, our district needs to begin collecting the data and making the changes prior to the end of this school year. You will be receiving information and a form to complete for each of your children via the Alert Now e-mail system. If you do not have your e-mail included in the Alert Now system, please contact your respective building principal so that the appropriate forms can be sent home for you to complete. The information and forms will also be available on our district web site. The forms must be returned to the school's main office by March 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact your respective building principal or Terri Fiondella (453-8210) at Central Office.

Emergency Cards

As you all know we had an early dismissal last Friday due to inclement weather. What we discovered during this experience is that some of the information on our students' emergency cards is not current. If you have changed any of your phone numbers, please be sure to contact Mrs. Sagnella with the new information. As always, our primary concern is the safety of our children. We must always be able to contact parents or designees when something comes up. Thank you in advance for your support regarding this matter.

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Connecticut Mastery Testing

With the onset of the month of March comes the administration of the Connecticut Mastery Test. This test is given to all children grades 3-8 throughout the State. The CMT measures a child's acumen in reading, math, and writing. It provides a variety of opportunities for students to show the depth of their knowledge when applying the skills they have acquired in reading, math, and writing. It is a challenging but fair assessment tool.

Formal academic preparation for this experience starts when a child enters his/her first formal school setting. Parents support their child's development by exposing him/her to a myriad of experiences that create a huge bank of prior knowledge from which he/she can draw. The combination of the two enables a child to meet the challenges of this assessment. I know our A.W. Cox students will fair well.

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