

The Broad Street Family Newsletter

April 2024



The Principal's News

Hey Bulldogs! You may have noticed the Bulldog Brags at Broad Street and the photos of kids with Buddy the Bulldog on the PTO Facebook Page. Wondering what these are all about?

We hold high, universal expectations for our students and staff. We emphasize safety, responsibility, and respect throughout the day, teaching our students explicitly what this means in every area of the school. While these expectations might seem straightforward, they carry significant weight, and we consistently reference them throughout the day.

This academic year, we've focused on our Assembly and Hallway Expectations. We've provided instructional videos created by students and staff to demonstrate these expectations. By clearly outlining our expectations, our students navigate the school premises more respectfully. Whether they're attending assemblies or visiting theaters on field trips, they often receive compliments for their exemplary behavior. **With the addition of a new student lounge and the installation of swings on our playground** we're gearing up to introduce new expectations!

Consistent expectations empower students by providing clarity throughout the school day. This fosters confidence, engagement, and a sense of belonging. Moreover, it enables teachers to readily recognize positive behaviors and address any issues promptly to prevent escalation. Implementing school-wide expectations and routines also alleviates the burden on individual teachers to devise their own behavior management systems, ensuring consistency across all areas of the school.

Students earn Bulldog Brags when they demonstrate our universal expectations. These Brags are tangible paper tickets, which students write their names on before placing them in a red box outside the main office. Every Friday morning, we draw tickets from the box. Students whose tickets are selected receive public recognition along with a small prize. There's no limit to the number of Bulldog Brags a student or classroom can earn each week. The more frequently a member of our community demonstrates safety, responsibility, and respect, the greater their chance of winning the raffle.

Our Bulldog Brag Raffle is a highly anticipated event, eagerly anticipated by our students. Just as we rely on each student at Broad Street Elementary School to uphold responsibility, respect, and safety, we also rely on each other to maintain a positive and supportive environment.

Warm regards,
John Forrest
Principal

Important Dates:

- 3-PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30, Teacher's lounge)
- 10- Bulldog Jog and Jump (formerly the Biathlon) Packets and money due
- 12- Grades 1st,2nd &4th- Seussical (Elm St)
- 16-Grade 5- Watershed Presentation
- 17- Early Release (Dismissal at 12:40PM)
- 22-26- Spring Break
- 30- Bulldog Jog and Jump Prize Day



Dream big. Work hard. Achieve success.

Important Reminders:

For Your Child's Safety Please Report your child's absences.

Please call (603) 966-1880 on our phone line from 3:30 PM to 7:30AM, there is a voicemail option if you call before/after hours. If your child is going to be absent, please give us a call. If we do not hear from you, you will receive a call from us and Blackboard Connect, an automated messaging system. This system calls your home phone so it's very important to call your child in or check your home messages. Remember this is for your child's safety.

Afterschool procedures – Written notes

If your child will be deviating from their normal after school procedure, please send a note to the teacher that morning. We appreciate a written note rather than a phone call to ensure that we are keeping your child safe by following your family plans. Thank you!



The Nurse's News

With the warm weather's arrival (one can only hope!), I start to see an increase in injuries related to improper footwear. On a typical warm day, I will see several students for scrapes, cuts, slivers and other injuries to their feet from wearing flip flops/sandals on the playground. You may be surprised to learn the most common reasons I see students...the flip flops break (the area between the toes). I hate having to call parents at home or work to bring in spare shoes for their children. Sneakers are the best and safest choice for children to wear to school year-round. Also, please remind your child that if they do come to school in flip flops or open toed sandals they **MUST** remain on the blacktop during recess, and will not be allowed to run around, play on the equipment or on the fields. Thank you for your cooperation, it is important to us that all children are safe while at school.

A reminder to 5th grade parents: The NH Department of Health and Human Services highly encourages that when your child turns 11 years of age they receive a Tdap vaccine. Please send in documentation once your child has this immunization and I will update their record.

As always, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns at:

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PTO News

April Showers will bring May flowers as well as all kinds of PTO fun!!

This month comes with many activities including the Spring Social on the 12th, the Jog and Jump, a dine out night, and a PTO meeting on the 3rd. We have also started our yearbook sales and the orders keep coming in! There's still time to order your yearbook, but don't wait too long! Although we are waiting for an exact date, we are hoping that the new swings will be installed very soon!

Please try to join us for our April PTO meeting as we will be discussing the events of the end of this year, what big project we would like our continued fundraising to cover, and our goals for next school year. We hope to see you there and hear what your ideas are!

Your Broad Street PTO