



SAGEVILLE

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Sageville Elementary Newsletter

March 2, 2017

From the desk of Miss Mac:

Thank you for the 100% attendance at spring conferences! Thank you to our PTC and to all of our parents who provided food for the teachers. It nourished us during the long stretches. Our Happy Camper Book Fair was a big hit too! Kudos to Erin Neises and her volunteers for their many hours of work. It paid off as there was \$3449.20 in sales which means \$1700.00 in new books for our library.

After our Building Leadership Team analyzed our winter data, we have lots to be proud of in student achievement. While our MAP scores and ITP show great gains in student growth and proficiency, our DIBELS scores are not a match in the area of reading. Our math scores show great growth and proficiency but a weak area across the board is computation. What can you do at home? Encourage reading at least 20 minutes a day. Research shows that it takes 500 additional minutes of reading outside of the school day to improve reading scores! All students should be fluent in their basic facts. Make time to practice at home and give your child real world experiences in math at the grocery store. Our action plan is each teacher will take a deeper look at what their students are doing and to be more reflective in their instructional strategies. We have contracted with a national reading consultant, Dr. Connie Hebert. She is coming on April 20th and 21st to work with teachers. She is also doing a parent presentation on Thursday, **April 20th at 6:30 PM.** You don't want to miss this opportunity because it isn't often that we can obtain someone of her caliber! Progress Reports are also in your child's folder today. While conferences were just last week, it's another artifact of your child's progress to date.

Kindergarten packets are being mailed to families that have a student in a district preschool or community program. If you do not have your child in one of these programs you can stop by school to get one. You can drop it off at school or send it back in the envelope provided. We have additional packets at school if you did not receive one by mail.

Save the date for Preschool & Kindergarten Open House. It's Tuesday, April 11th, 6:30-7:30 PM. Kindergarten families should bring their child's birth certificate that evening for us to make a copy.

Spring Break No School

March 13-March 17



Calendar of Events

Monday-March 6

4:00 Co-ed Basketball games
6:30 String Festival-
Hempstead

Tuesday-March 7

Spring Pictures
6:30 Band Festival-
Hempstead

Wednesday-March 8

Gr. 4 Two by Two classes

Thursday-March 9

6:30 Grades 1 & 3 Music
Program

Friday-March 10

10:30 Gr. 2 field trip

Friday Focus:

- Teachers will engage in the Collaborative Inquiry process using classroom formative assessments. In this process, they make predictions, make observations, infer and make an action plan to increase student achievement.

Sageville School Garden...Coming Soon!

It takes a village, I mean a school, to get our Sageville garden ready! Plans are already underway to plant and prepare the soil.

If you are interested in participating in the school garden project, please email Mrs. McClellan at rmcclellan@dbqschools.org.



**Movie
Night
Tomorrow!**

Sageville's PTC

Movie Night is tomorrow! The doors open at 6:00 PM and the movie, Trolls, will start at 6:30 PM.

Students must be accompanied by an adult. Wear your pj's and bring a blanket or chair. This event is provided at no cost to you and concessions are available for a small fee.

Our next PTC meeting is Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the staff lounge. Lots of help will be needed for Spring Fling. New parents are encouraged to attend.

Counselor Corner...Mrs. Kaiser

During the week of February 27th – March 3rd I have been in kindergarten thru second grade with the focus on life changes and loss. In kindergarten, we watched a short video of the loss of a loved one and students drew pictures of something/someone they have lost. In first grade, we watched a short video about a small creature that lost his friend. Throughout the video, the small creature's friends helped him keep his memories of his friend. Each student made a memory tag of something/someone they have lost. In second grade, we listened to a read aloud of the book *Lifetimes*. The book talks about how everything that is living has a beginning and end, everything in between is living. The students then picked three coping skills they could utilize during a life-changing event. Next week I will be working with grades 3-5 on life changes and loss.

Tips for Parents: The 5 stages of grief are denial, anger, bargaining, depression or sadness and acceptance. They do not have to go in this order and may experience a stage for a longer time or multiple times. For more information on the grief cycle visit <http://www.ghschildrens.org/the-stages-of-grief.php>



**Gr. 5 DARE
Graduation**

2:15 PM

Friday, March 3

**We are proud of
our 5th graders!**

D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE