

Wolf Times

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From the Desk of: Mrs. Jacqueline Norcel, Principal

It is important for both home and school to work together to build strong character in our children. Clearly, when it comes to character building, the family is the key. There is simply no substitute for a mother and/or father, or guardian, who forms a loving and supportive circle around the child, providing loving guidance and defining for their child, both by what they say and how they live, standards of good conduct.

Schools have a strong supportive role to play in character building. Schools must not only help children become literate and well informed, they must also help them develop the capacity to be responsible and demonstrate good problem solving skills in situations of ethical conflict. Schools can reinforce those universal values we all cherish and which we hope our children will demonstrate when we are not around. When they are on their own, we want them to demonstrate universal character traits in their daily lives, such as:

Responsibility, Caring, Perseverance, Honesty, Kindness, Tolerance, Respect, Cooperation, and Initiative. These character traits will enable them to be successful in life.

At Frenchtown, we have selected an attribute to highlight and reinforce in our students for the school year and one attitude to be studied each month.

We have selected the attribute of “citizenship” as the character builder on which we will focus all year. One of the most important challenges parents face is to help our children develop “citizenship.” Here are a few simple ideas to start with:

1. Use the word citizenship with your child. This way your child will become familiar with the concept and will absorb the word into his or her vocabulary. Talk often about being a good citizen, using examples.
2. Tell your child that you want him or her to be a good citizen. You expect it. If you notice your child, yourself, or others being good citizens or bad citizens, point this out to your child. Talk about the consequences of the behavior, both good and bad.
3. Be careful and conscious about setting a good example by being a good citizen in everything you do and say. What you do and don't do sends a message to your child.
4. Provide opportunities for your child to participate in helping the community. You might join a one-day community work project or clean-up project. Perhaps your



child can make a contribution to some kind of community cause, or, you can attend a community fundraiser together. Just make sure your child knows that the proceeds from the event will be used for a community project.

Here are some concepts about citizenship that the Frenchtown Staff will help your child understand. Good citizens:

- Do their share
- Help their communities
- Follow rules and laws
- Respect authority
- Take care of the environment

Staff look for these qualities in choosing Students of the Month and for Dream Read Succeed.

Students recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day and they recite the Frenchtown School Pledge on Mondays and Fridays.

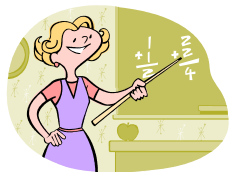


During the week of September 12th every child will experience civic lessons on the Constitution. September 17 is officially Constitution Day. During the month of October we will continue our study culminating in Democracy Day and election of Student Council Officers.

During October, the curriculum areas of Social Studies and Science will afford the children an opportunity to investigate the lives, values, and principles of men and women who dared to chart new paths. Christopher Columbus, Henry Ford, Jonas Salk, Neil Armstrong, Pablo Picasso, Molly Pitcher, and Eleanor Roosevelt are among those who will be discussed.

Teachers also will be highlighting the curriculum areas of health and safety. Children will be discussing fire prevention, Halloween safety, nutritious foods and snacks, proper dress for fall weather, and the needs of a healthy body. Grades K – 2 will have a visit from the Fire Department on October 5th.

Learning is a life-long process. Our school mission statement says that we want our students to be life-long learners. The business of education is learning and the school's job is to help students connect or apply that learning or knowledge to real life situations. For teachers to be effective educators, they need to be life-long learners. They need to continue extending and expanding their knowledge about the teaching process.



Teacher staff development is an important factor that contributes to the excellent reputation of our district's teaching staff. The Trumbull School District hires outstanding teachers and continues to provide training to assist them in continually upgrading their instructional strategies and teaching skills, as well as in implementing new curriculum mandated by state frameworks. The content of the staff development days comes from our school plan and our district's long-range curriculum plan.

The purpose of our professional staff days is to provide teachers large, uninterrupted blocks of time for concentrated training to enhance their skills and effectiveness in the classroom. The days spent for staff development are rigorous in content and provide teachers with new skills and training to use in the classroom with students. They also have an opportunity to plan with their colleagues to implement new teaching strategies in their classrooms.

By challenging teachers to think critically about curriculum, to explore new teaching strategies, and to evaluate what works or doesn't work with children, we provide them the stimulation and encouragement to continue to excel as teachers.

Remember to check our website www.frenchtownelementary.com. Mrs. Kelly is continually updating the site. She would welcome any suggestions or ideas you might have on how to make our site even more user friendly.

If you have any questions, please contact us at school. Call the office, 452-4227 and we'll get back to you.



Character
Corner—
Mr. Weitzman,
Social Worker

Trust

Trust means to have confidence or faith in a person or thing. Good people are people you can trust. They are honest; they tell the truth. They keep promises; if they say they'll do something, they do it. They say and do good things for their families and friends; they are loyal.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 First Day of School <i>Boo Hoo Breakfast</i> Spirit Day Wear Blue and White	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 Spirit Day <i>Wear Blue and White</i>	9 PTA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Sound Tigers Mascot Back to School Night Grades 3 & 4	11 Patriot Day	12 Trumbull Day
13 Trumbull Arts Festival	14 Rosh Hashana No School	15 Back to School Night Grades 1 & 2 Spirit Day <i>Wear Blue and White</i>	16 Back to School Night Grades K & 5 Constitution Day	17 School Picnic Fall Fundraiser Begins	18	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22 Spirit Day <i>Wear Blue and White</i>	23 Eid ul Adha Yom Kippur No School First Day of Fall	24 Wear Green for Trust	25	26
27	28 Sukkot	29 Citizenship Day Wear Red, White and Blue	30 Grade 4 - Big E Fundraiser Ends	Character Pillar of the Month: Trust Country of the Month: National Hispanic Month		

S*T*A*R* Recognition for Outstanding Effort
for the third trimester.
Keep up the good work!

GRADE THREE

MRS. ATWOOD

Sahar Alajmi
Nicholas Ambrosio
Kimberly Aulac
Sofia Bacolas
Mason Fabrizio
Shelby Hawkins
Rowan Johnston
Krishna Kuchikulla
Max Neal
Monica Potkay
Arianna Rodrigues
Margaret Russell
Anna Smith
Samuel Tran
Elaine Umana
Michael Vano

MRS. MARTINS

Lucas Arone
Tyler Bachelder
Hayden Brill
Brianna Buda
Amber Burany
Julianna Cifatte
Andrew Colucci
Julia DeGroot
Sofia DeRosa
Jack DiGiovanni
Matthew Doris
Christopher Essing
Kyle Gasparrini
Jackson Gilman
Charlie Krasinski
Catherine Mejias
Madeline Moffat
Cy Pavlov
Ella Peterson

Olivia Rocco
Michael Romano

MRS. CRETELLA

Sarah Bogen
Mia Danis
Samantha Dobson
Sofia Fabrizio
Braden Fruin
Anna Geraghty
Gavin Grashow
Andrew Holms
John Kendall
Avery Mackenzie
Sean Newmark
Gianna Piccolo
Jack Stocknoff
Mia VegaGarcia
Aiden Williams

MRS. MAKOSKI

Justin Britell
Victoria Fisher
Sarah Gasparrini
Mia Giblin
Liam Hilleary
Yashas Kulkarni
Andrew MacConnie
Weston Rice
Karan Singh
Nikolas Smagacz
Shannon Wilk
Gianna Zerella

MRS. CARLEY

Nicholas Antos
Moncef Benayed
Frianna Blanco
Aidan Brunt
Jaden Buchetta

Jimmy Buchta
Talia Cook
Annie Cretella
Domenic DiCocco
Brandon Fowler
Joss Harrison
Liam Keatley
Alyssa Liriano
Ella Marron
Arleanys Martinez
Dylan Moreira
Isabel O'Brien
Jack Poholek
Anthony Rauso
Lily VonKohorn

GRADE FOUR

MS. WEINSTEIN

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Gracie Angon
Brenna Benvenuto
Scott Carravone
Aaron Dressler
Katie Duenges
Sean Francoeur
Madison Kelly
Krissy Kramer
Ashley Moran
Valerie Morantus
Kelsey Ryan
Johannes Rysse
Gabriella Santiago
Brandon Smith
Jada Valentin
Matthew Wich

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Aidan Demshak

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Jenna Goncalves
Zuriel Guerra
Ashley Ho
Timmy Kouble
Bella Mercado
Hallie Montes
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Vivian Wang
David Wise

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Emmett Fruin
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Madeline Lojko
Alexandra Manolakus
Leiane Montes
Jayda Newsom
Ayush Puthiyavettle
Olivia Ray
Ava Rose
Kaitlyn Russell
William Zaslow

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Abigail Ho
Calista Ibaran
Talia Pettinella
Ashley Russell
Anna Simpson
Ayushi Singh
Connor Smith
Mackenzie
Tiani
Kevin Zaros
Isabella Lee

GRADE FIVE

**MRS.GALOW/
FERRARO**

Garret Calandro-Bitjeman
Grace Carrello
Cedric Cohen
Ella Cook
Olivia DiCocco
Matt DiJoseph
Saihari Kota
Cassie Lathrope
Asli Martinez
Kiyara Miles
Smayan Nandakumar
Zachary Parente
Cayden Paymer
Jake Peterson
Gia Powar-Barhpago
Rachel Bikofsky
Julia Vieux

MRS. GASPAR

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Kailey Caballero
Nicoletta Colucci
Jake Delfino
Emma Ekstrom
Brooke Formanek
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John McCain
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Isabella Pucci
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Nicholas Sabato
Erica Thompson
Aston Yip
Atice Zulfi

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Brayden Crumb
Kole Dennis

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Johanna Lewis-Fin
Justin McGee
Christopher Mejias
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Shreya Shiju
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Brandon Aulac
Grace Dias
Mia Egmont
Zachary Fogelman
Sally Kirk
Hannah Johnson
Jake Moffat
Steven Pelle
Maddie Pollock
Lucas Scarabosio
Chase Soucy



Gifts to School

Subscriptions:

Kindergarten Mailbox

Intermediate Mailbox

Grades 2 & 3 Mailbox

Yankee Magazine – Grade 4

Which Way USA – Grade 4

Thank you for supporting our book fairs for the last two years. With our Scholastic Bucks we were able to purchase these products:

1 – Read Me A Story Carpet 8 x 11

1 – Reading Stars Carpet 8 x 11

1 – Smart Document Camera

1 – U.S. Regions Set of 10 books

1 – Our Government Set of 8 books

1 – Map Basics Book Set of 6 Books

Climate Survey Results

	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Students</u>
1. In my school there are clear rules against hurting other people (for example, hitting, pushing, or tripping).	4.48	4.80	4.49
2. I have seen students being hurt at school more than once by other students (for example pushed, slapped, punched, or beaten up).	1.80	2.05	2.42
3. There are groups of students who make others feel left out.	2.55	2.24	2.88
4. Students at my school will try to stop students from making fun of other students.	3.27	3.71	3.91
5. Students in this school respect differences in other students (for example, if they are a boy or girl, where they come from, what they believe).	3.84	4.28	4.06
6. My parents or the people who take care of me feel welcome at my school.	3.76	4.38	4.43

The survey scale ranged from 1 to 5 with 5 meaning witnessed or seen.