

SARGENT

March 2019



Greetings from the Music Room!

March is "Music In Our School's Month". This is a national celebration to acknowledge and bring awareness to the great things that are happening in American school's public school music programs.

We are also celebrating two students, Katrina Skorewicz and Nevaeh Pittman, who will represent Sargent School so finely at the Dutchess County Music Educators Association Elementary All-County Music Festival. We are proud of their personal and musical achievements.

The Sargent 5th grade band will be performing at the annual Music in Our Schools Month concert at the Beacon High School on Tuesday, March 5th. The performance starts at 7pm and features bands from other elementary schools and Rombout Middle School as well as the Beacon High School concert and jazz bands. The Sargent 5th grade band will combine with the South Avenue students to form a super-group and play an upbeat tune titled Conquest.

NEWS

Dear Sargent Community,

March is our biggest month of the year for our students to make learning gains. We have few days off. That is a good thing for learning and academic progress. I want to stress the importance of your children being present and engaged here at Sargent. It is so vital for our students to have good attendance. There is a correlation between attendance and school performance.

I also want to remind our young folks to continue reading at home for school and for pleasure. Get your kids outside to play and fresh air. We are getting through our winter months and we our students ready for learning.

April is the start of NYS testing. No matter your views on testing, we do teach in context the skills that go along with those tests. All of our students need these skills to transition to middle school, high school and beyond.

Thank you to our PTO for supporting our Hallway Mural work with Artist Joe Pimental and for our arriving Blue Bird nesting boxes. These are exciting and highly engaging projects that beautify our school and enrich learning for our school and students.

Thank You,

Brian Archer

Student Council News:

February has been full of Spreading Kindness like Confetti. Students can pull a kind quote or message to share with a teacher, staff or peer. It gives everyone an opportunity to have a "feel good" moment, in both sharing and receiving. We also received a special letter of thanks from our local Veterans, for our Valentines for Vets and Chocolates. For March, we are going to set our focus on our local animal center, ARF. A flyer will be going home with donations for the shelter. Let's remember our fur friends this month, with food, toys, newspapers (New York Times), blankets, paper towels, and other items, that will be listed on our flyer. A donation box will be set up in room 4 and go through the end of the month. As always your generosity and support are truly appreciated.

ART NEWS:

Student's art work from Beacon City Schools and surrounding school districts will be on display at the Garrison Art Center from March 2-10th with a reception from 3-5pm on March 2nd. Come view select works from Sargent's third grade students!

Grade Level News

Spring is almost here and life in Pre-K is in high gear. We have lots of independent work happening, along with small group and individual lessons as we help prepare the children for kindergarten. Our travels around the world continue as we finish our time in ASIA visiting beautiful Bali. Later this month: off to AFRICA!

Happy Almost Spring! Kindergarten will be starting to learn about plants this month. It is always a favorite of ours! We are working hard on CVC words and learning new trick words every week. Please make sure that you are reading together every night!

We are happy to see March is here! We have been having a lot of fun talking about our Beacon Community. We are learning about many important places and people that work and live here. We are also doing some mapping as well. We are measuring in math, writing books about how to do or make things, and continue to work on making our reading muscle nice and strong!

Second grade will be very busy in the month of March! We are wrapping up our large number addition and subtraction units and will be moving into telling time and money. Students will be learning all about animal adaptations in winter including hibernation, migration, camouflage! We are continuing our biography unit in reading and writing, learning all about influential African Americans and women in history. We met with DIA and will begin our program with them at the end of March.

Third graders are learning about area in math. Soon we will start fractions. Keep studying multiplication!

Mr. Carpenter's class is working on a country report. Mr. Carpenter's class is also working on fictional stories and the different parts of a fictional story

Ms. Belloch's class is traveling through Europe. They are reading biographies and they also interviewed a fellow student and are busy writing a biography as well.

Grade 4 making plans for upcoming Colonial Day. NYS museum trip scheduled for April. We will be finishing up geometry in Math and heading for fractions! In Science we have begun electricity and magnetism. Our Want Ads for Colonial craftsmen will be published soon.

5th Grade is working on the "Breaking Barriers" unit and learning about Jackie Robinson. We are continuing working on multiplying and dividing fractions. In S.S. we are learning about European Explorers and their discoveries.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	All County Chorus Festival
March 5	Chipotle Fundraiser—5:00-9:00
March 5	Music in our Schools—7 PM—BHS
March 7	Progress Report Distribution
March 8	Professional Development—No School
March 10	Daylight Savings Begins

March 11	BOE Meeting—7 PM—BHS
March 12	Make Up #1—Music in our Schools—7 PM
March 14	PTO Meeting—3:45
March 14	Make UP #2 Music in our Schools—7 PM
March 22	Spring Picture Day
March 25	BOE Meeting—7 PM—BHS

With the onset of the cold weather here are some tips from your School Nurse.

Dressing properly is very important. Children should not be coming to school without coats, hats and gloves when the weather is cold. Even if you drop them off or the school bus picks them up; they still need to wear appropriate outerwear. As long as the weather is 26 degrees or above students will go out for lunchtime recess.

The arrival of cold weather brings with it increased cases of illnesses especially influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious and contagious childhood illnesses. The best way to reduce the spread of these illnesses is to follow the tips that are listed below:

Please stress the importance of proper hand washing.
 Children should not be sent to school if they have a fever
 or have been vomiting
 Excessive cough, complaint of sore throat, headache, muscular aches or pains are
 all signs of illness.
 The student who is not feeling well cannot benefit from instruction and will be
 the cause of spreading infection to others.
 We also can never forget the importance of getting a flu vaccine before the winter.

Hope these tips help our students here at Sargent stay healthy this winter.

Mrs. Carmela Walden-Lail R.N.

Sargent School Nurse

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Announcing...

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Our yearbook is planned to include:


- All-color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
- Sturdy soft cover
- School name and year imprinted in foil on the cover

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Library News

Digital Citizenship is taught in the library throughout the year. The goal is to give students strategies to be safe and responsible in the digital world. Recently there has been a lot of information shared online about harmful YouTube Kid videos and many parents are panicking. Digital Citizenship also involves learning to evaluate the source of the information before coming to a conclusion. Please remember to check sources before sharing information online! Click here for more information about YouTube Kids and tips for keeping your children safe when using the app - <https://code9parent.com.au/blog/55834/3-tips-to-keep-safe-on-youtube-kids>