



**SHORT NOTES**



**Read More:** A family reading log is a good way to encourage your scholar– and the rest of the family to read. Each day, record the books, newspapers or magazines you read. At the end of every month, let your scholar tally up the total. Keep going for the entire year to see how much your family can read in 2015!

**School Uniform:** Have you received a uniform infraction slip from your scholar’s teacher? Does your scholar wear boots to school and has *an extra pair of sneakers* in his book bag or in the classroom in order to participate in Fitness class safely? **It may be cold or snowing outside but classroom temperatures vary.** So please label every article of clothing with your scholar’s name so that as he removes layers to be comfortable, we will be able to return any articles left behind to you.

**Worth Quoting:** “Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.” *Martin Luther King Jr.*



**SHOUT OUTS to...**

- ◆ **Our Community Council members, parent volunteers, the first grade teachers, scholars, The Buckley School staff, Mr. Watson for arranging for buses and Mr. Herzberg for an amazing first meeting between our scholars and the Buckley students.**
- ◆ **Mrs. Jane Blackstone, our school’s music teacher. She writes, “The Kindergarten and First grade scholars are learning about the tuba, the largest member of the brass family. One of New York’s finest lower brass players, Sam Burtis demonstrated and talked about these exciting instruments with the boys in all classes on Wednesday, Jan 21st. Mr. Burtis, is an experienced educator as well as jazz and Latin musician. You can learn more at <http://samburtis.com>**

**A letter from Mr. Peter Herzberg, Principal**

Dear Families:

I want to remind you again of important ways you can partner with the school to become great assets to our boys’ lives. None of this is meant to wag a finger or preach at you though I will admit that I am sounding a bit stern. We all have demanding lives and we are all imperfect. But here are some timely points:

**If you have an appointment at the school,** it is very important that you call in advance if you cannot make it. Not showing up without a call in advance is disrespectful for those waiting for you.

**If we call you to come in to pick up your boy during the day,** it is because we feel there is urgency— **illness, a meltdown best resolved by families, in rare cases a suspension because of unsafe behavior.** I fully understand the challenges of getting away from work and transportation, but that is why at least **two emergency contacts should be available.** Cell phone mailboxes should not be full or numbers inaccurate, and someone MUST arrive within an hour. Our students are 5 and 6 years old--still young. We deal with the vast majority of issues without you ever hearing. **But we need your support at times as well.** Please take this point seriously.

**Under no circumstances should a parent or relative attempt to discipline another family's boy at a school event, bus stop, or during pick up or drop off.** If you are worried about another student's behavior, then contact that boy's family directly or contact us and we will serve as intermediary. There has been a rise of such incidents lately. Let's put a stop to that. It causes tension.

**Finally, explanations for absences are getting better. Thank you.** Let's keep that up. You should be receiving mid year progress reports Tuesday or Wednesday this week. These are full narratives. **We will ask you to sign and return a cover sheet to confirm receipt and to request a translation if needed.**

**MONDAY**

Congratulate our first **SCIENCE SPECIAL SCHOLARS!**

\* **RSVP's due for Bring Your Male Hero to School Event 2/6/15.**

**Tuesday**

RSVP for this

**Friday's**

**Community Council Mtg.**

**Wednesday**

**School Tour**

(must be registered) for perspective families from 9:15 -10:15 am With Ms. Diaz

**Thursday**

**Information Session**

For registered perspective families 6-7pm Auditorium.

**Friday**

Join us at our **Community Council meeting; 6-7pm**

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