



Dear Primary School Friends & Families,

Our school year is flying by! We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and the children were so excited. Exactly how we want to see our children, excited about their school and about learning.

Some important information:

**PARP (Pick a reading Partner):** is a program that asks a partner (parent, grandparent, babysitter, older sibling, cousin, friend, etc.) to read with a child for at least 20 minutes daily, stressing the fact that reading can be fun as well as informative. We have a committee at our Primary School that is working hard to encourage Early Literacy and an overall love for reading at an early age. If you would like to participate or share some ideas, please email me at [awilliams@ichabodcrane.org](mailto:awilliams@ichabodcrane.org). We will be having a kick-off celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Be on the lookout for more information.

**A Symphony of Whales:** in collaboration with the North Chatham Library, our second and third grade students will be participating in a performance framed around this book. Invitations were sent home at the end of February. We are looking for 50 to 60 students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and parents to participate. Students will need to stay at school on Monday (3/16) and Tuesday (3/17) until 3:30 pm for rehearsals, with a late bus provided for transportation. The performance is open to those families with a second and third grader on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Race to Read:** will be taking place the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please reach out to our PTA if you would like to be a Mystery reader. The children really enjoy this event and again, it demonstrates an early understanding of the importance to love to read!

**PTA Membership:** We are so fortunate to have an active and engaged PTA team. I encourage you to get involved and support all the wonderful events that happen for our youngest Riders. Please consider joining our PTA if you are not a member already.

Please note dates below:

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BOE Meeting	HS Library (7:00 pm)
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Race to Read	
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Second Marking Period Ends	
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting	MS Library (7:00 pm)
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards Sent Home with students	
March 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup>	Third Grade Only: NYS ELA Assessment	

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns. I can be contacted in the Primary school at (518) 758-7575 ext. 6004. Follow us on twitter @ICCPSPincipal,

Happy Reading,

Andrea Williams

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