New <u>Bedford Public Schools</u> Thomas R. Rodman MRS. MARSHALL'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

February 2017 Newsletter



Dear Rodman Families,

We are now into the month of February and it's hard to believe we are officially past the half way point of the school year. As we reflect on our strengths and weaknesses this year we will analyze and renew our goals for the remaining five months of the school year. The students are working hard and making strong gains in their learning. To the students, keep up the great work! Parents, your ongoing support of your children's learning is vital to their success.

At this point in the year, we will begin to look at each individual's level of readiness for the next grade. Although we are only midway through the year, it has proven beneficial to meet with families regarding students who are not meeting their grade level expectations. Conference letters will be sent home. If you receive a letter, please return the bottom portion to the office

February marks a month long celebration known as "Black History Month". It is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the history and achievements of African Americans. The celebration takes place in February to commemorate the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and Abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Students have already been researching and working on projects to honor many of these men and women.

My hope for the month of February is peace and tolerance. As a great man once said, "Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal" ~Dr. Martin Luther King.

Mrs. Marshall

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RODMAN STAFF

Ms. Berthiaume, Secretary

Mr. Gomes, Custodian

Mrs. Cabral, Cafeteria

Mrs. Kelley, Cafeteria

Ms. Brejcha, Kindergarten

Mrs. Mandly, Kindergarten

Mrs. Benevides, 1st grade

Mrs. Mello, 2nd grade

Mrs. Francis, 2nd grade

Ms. Baptiste, 3rd grade

Ms. Salsinha, 3rd grade

Mrs. Allen, 4th grade

Ms. Fiano, 4th grade

Mr. Ledoux, 5th grade

Mrs. DaCosta, 5th grade

Mrs. Greenlees, Sp. Ed.

Mrs. Cassidy, SPED Fac.

Mrs. Carlton, TLS

Ms. Hurteau, ELL

Mrs. Giasson, Para

Mrs. Kirby, In-Building Sub

Mrs. Reis, Nurse

Mrs. Camara, Counselor

Mrs. Bruce, Counselor

Mrs. Silvia, Speech

Mrs. Cook, OT

Ms. Bejma, Phys. Ed.

Mr. Raxter, Art

Ms. Kulju, Music

Mr. Walker, Health

Mr. Lacey, Band Director

Be sure to check out our website for upcoming events, school news, pictures, and calendar.



January Star Students



K—Ms. Brejcha	Jonathan Botelho		
1—Mrs. Benevides	Gavin Collazo		
2—Mrs. Francis	Kimberly Santos	2—Mrs. Mello	Bryn Mesquitta
3—Ms. Baptiste	Angelina Goyette	3—Ms. Salsinha	Ryan Breton
4—Ms. Fiano	Arielis Joaquin	4—Mrs. Allen	Haider Bokhari
5—Mr. Ledoux	Tristan Andrade	5—Ms. DeCosta	Marvin Pacheco-Tiu

"CAUGHT ROCKIN' THE RULES"

Congratulations to our January Winners!



Aviana Famania, June Lobo, Aliyah Almeida, Vincent Verissimo, Preston Peltier, Yolianis Velez, Benjamin Daniels, Gina DeMelo, Aracelyz Valentin, David Insley, Ayden Allison, Jael Torres, Kayligh-Ana DePina, Vincent Cardoso, June Lobo, Jayden Cintron, Gabriella Goyette, Leonardo Mendes-Baptista, Quinn Mai, and Peter Farland

Winter Reminders:



- * Students may not arrive to school prior to 8:00 unless they have before school help.
- * Parents must report to the office and sign in if they wish to enter the building. Many parents are in the hallways in the morning and coming down to the cafeteria which is against school policy. We enforce this for the safety of all your children.



- * Please do not drop off children early as supervision does not begin until 8:00.
- * Winter Break begins on Monday, February 20th—Friday, February 24th. Students <u>return on Monday</u>, <u>February 27th</u>.
- * Please continue to check your child's backpack and folder daily for important notices & flyers from school, as well as your child's classwork & homework.
- * Please check the Rodman website for upcoming events. All monthly calendars for the year are posted. http://rodman.newbedfordschools.org/pages/Rodman_Elementary

