

Straight FromThe Hive



January/February 2022
Blasdell Elementary School

From Mrs. Thurston



Hello Blasdell Elementary families! It is with honor and excitement that I join the Blasdell Elementary School community. My career in education began as an elementary school teacher for the Buffalo Public Schools. After six years in the classroom, I became an instructional coach where I worked with teachers and students from grades K-8. I was an assistant principal at the elementary level for three years as well. This is my third year in the Frontier Central School District. I had the pleasure of serving in the role of Assistant Principal at the high school before joining Blasdell Elementary. In addition to my role as an educator, I am first and foremost a wife and mother. I reside in Hamburg with my husband Michael, our son Tarick and our two dogs, Maggie Mae and Ted. I am committed to communicating effectively with parents and the community and I look forward to getting to know your children and our amazing school community!

New student pick-up time!!

Your children will be ready for pick-up at **2:30!** Please be here no later than 2:45.

From the Nurse's Desk

Parents- please remember to update your children's immunizations, especially if they received the Covid vaccines.



Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 24	No School <i>(Superintendent Conf. Day)</i>
Feb. 14-18	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 14	We Love Red & Pink Day
Feb. 21	No School <i>Presidents Day</i>
Feb. 22-25	Winter Recess
Feb. 28	Classes Resume

What We Are Learning

<p><u>Grade PK</u> Reading-Letter of the Week M (The Mitten, monkeys,mice, monsters) Writing-Writing Names, using letters to label our journal pictures Math- “Numbers in our World” Number sets 1-5 Science-Winter Season, Magnet Exploration Social Studies- “Everyone has Feelings”</p>	<p><u>Grade K-</u> Reading - Digraphs and Sight Words Writing - Opinion Writing and our Daily Journals Math - Teen Numbers Science - Arctic Animals Social Studies - MLK Jr.</p>
<p><u>Grade 1</u> Reading- Strategies for decoding words in text, retelling fiction stories using characters names and story events Writing- Practicing good writing habits such as spacing and stretching words in our journals and informational writing pieces Math- Shapes and Patterns Science- Light and Sound unit starting soon Social Studies- MLK Jr. and being part of a caring classroom community</p>	<p><u>Grade 2</u> Reading - Sequence, Story Elements (structure) <u>Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday & A Chair for my Mother</u>, Compare and Contrast (Reading: Different gingerbread stories) Writing- Personal Narratives Math - Measurement unit and getting ready to begin our word problem unit Science - Made of Matter unit starting soon Social Studies - MLK Jr. and learning about changes over time in our community</p>
<p><u>Grade 3</u> Reading - Using text features to help understand informational text Writing - Learning to use parts of speech Math - Multiplication and division of #1-5 and 10 using a variety of models. Science - Animal Habitats Social Studies - Geography and culture of the United States and other countries</p>	<p><u>Grade 4</u> Reading - Tiger Rising Book Study Writing - Informational Writing - Author Biographies Math - Decimals Science - Energy Social Studies - Explorers</p>
<p><u>Grade 5</u> Reading - Determining the theme of a text Writing - Informational Writing (newspaper articles & research papers) Math - Decimals (Introduction to Decimals & Multiple Operations of Decimals) Science - Matter Social Studies - European Explorers of the Western Hemisphere</p>	<p><u>SEL Resources</u> Social and Emotional Learning in the Home https://www.edsurge.com/news/2020-04-02-10-ways-parents-can-bring-social-emotional-learning-home https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/social-awareness-social-emotional-learning/social-emotional-learning-video/ Tools to Create a Routine https://www.verywellfamily.com/easy-steps-to-a-daily-family-schedule-620635</p>