

# HALE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

## FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER



### CURRICULUM

Some of the CT Early Learning and Development Standards we will be focusing on this month include:

Identifying main concepts of a story or text, recognizing and naming known letters of the alphabet in familiar and unfamiliar words, producing rhyming words or words that have the same initial sound, and drawing original stories with a beginning, middle and end.

Recognizing and acknowledging the feelings, needs and rights of others through behavior, showing increasing investment in the responses and friendships of peers and modifying behavior to enhance peer relationships, and engaging in developing solutions and working to resolve conflict with peers.

Beginning to use strategies to determine measurable attributes by comparing and using standard or non-standard measurement tools, identifying and describing a variety of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes regardless of orientation and size, counting up to 10 objects using one-to-one correspondence and naming the group, and recognizing written numerals up to 10.

Working on trying multiple strategies to solve a problem and draw on multiple resources, resisting impulses and waiting longer to respond in more structured settings, modeling or teaching peers how to use materials or complete a task, and using familiar patterns to solve problems and reason.

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Of course, these skills and concepts are adjusted to meet each child's needs. Staff will continue to meet each child where he or she is along the continuum of development.

### REMINDERS

Please remember to get a new one filled out at their yearly physical.

### FLU SEASON

Thank you so much to all HEEC families for submitting documentation of your child's vaccination. We make every effort to keep our children, families, and staff healthy, especially at this time of year.

If your child will be absent, please call the preschool at 860-742-4550 and leave the child's name, teacher, and reason for absence.

### EDUCATION EXPRESS

Big Y Education Express is a Family Program to help local schools get FREE, much needed supplies and equipment.

- From February 1 through April 25, 2018, for every 500 Education Express Points earned, you get a GOLD COIN!
- Shop Big Y stores and look for the participating items marked with the Education Express logo. Each item will have a point value and savings on top of that!
- Sign up at [BigY.com/rs/EducationExpress](http://BigY.com/rs/EducationExpress)

### PTO

#### Next PTO Meeting:

February 15, 2018 at 6:30 in HEEC lobby. All families are welcome to attend.

#### Munson's Chocolate!

Munson's Chocolates fundraiser to begin February 9<sup>th</sup>. The expected delivery is for mid-March. Get your Easter chocolate!

#### Applebee's®

You and your family are invited to an Applebee's® pancake breakfast! Come meet other HEEC families while staff and parent volunteers wait on you. This is a great opportunity for families to get together and socialize outside of school!!!

#### Breakfast includes:

3 pancakes, 2 slices bacon, unlimited beverages

#### Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:00-10:00AM

Applebee's®

93 Storrs Road, Willimantic CT (East Brook Mall)

Contact Tiffany Byam with any questions at

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**Coventry Public Schools  
Superintendent's Office  
February 2018 Newsletter Submission**

Come meet the Superintendent of Schools, David Petrone, as he conducts his "Open Door Meetings". "As the Superintendent of Schools, one of my initiatives is to meet with as many parents and members of our Coventry community as possible. Open communication is a key component for true collaboration. I invite you to keep informed about education in our town by attending any of my Open Door meetings this school year." Open Door Meetings are held in the Administrative Building Conference Room at 1700 Main Street. The remaining dates are:

Tuesday, March 27, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Budget Focus

Monday, May 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Budget Focus

If you are unable to attend one of these scheduled meetings, but would still like to meet with the Superintendent, please call the office at 860-742-7317, Ext. 2.

Have you thought about volunteering in any one of the Coventry Public Schools but did not know how to go about doing so? Volunteers can assist school staff members with school activities in the presence of a Coventry Public Schools employee. Background checks will be required of volunteers, by way of the Visitor Express identification scanning system at the school, each time they arrive. Volunteers are those who can assist school staff members with school activities such as those listed below:

- assisting in a classroom such as the Reading Room, cafeteria, or library when a staff member is present during regular school hours; or
- accompanying a class on a field trip during the school day with a staff member; or
- helping in the school office during regular school hours; or
- assisting during extracurricular events, i.e., dances, fairs, open house, sporting events, etc.


The process is easy to become a volunteer. Coventry residents who would like to become a volunteer in any one of our schools in district must first apply online at <https://www.applitrack.com/coventry/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Volunteers>. Currently there are two volunteer job listings, Volunteer Coach which is JobID: 1045, and School Volunteer which is JobID: 1253. The online application process is a step-by-step procedure. Fingerprinting is a requirement of anyone who is employed, or volunteers for, Coventry Public Schools, but the fee will be waived.

When the application is completed, Applitrack will send a notice to all five of our schools that there is a new volunteer application for the Administrator to review and approve. Volunteers will then be contacted by any one of the Administrators listed below for next steps:

- Joseph Blake, Coventry High School Principal, 860-742-7346, or [jblake@coventryct.org](mailto:jblake@coventryct.org)
- Dena DeJulius, Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School Principal, 860-742-7334, or [ddejulius@coventryct.org](mailto:ddejulius@coventryct.org)

- Beth Giller, George Hersey Robertson Intermediate School Principal, 860-742-7341, or [bgiller@coventryct.org](mailto:bgiller@coventryct.org)
- Ronda Lezberg, Coventry Grammar School Principal, 860-742-7313, or [rlezberg@coventryct.org](mailto:rlezberg@coventryct.org)
- Lois Hasty, Preschool and Early Childhood Education Coordinator, 860-742-4550, or [lhasty@coventryct.org](mailto:lhasty@coventryct.org)

The approved 2017-2018 calendar can be found on our website at [www.coventrypublicschools.org](http://www.coventrypublicschools.org).

We are now on Twitter! As part of our ongoing efforts to connect to families and the community, you can follow Coventry Public Schools on Twitter. To follow us search for “@SchoolsCoventry.” Or, you can also connect to our account directly from our website at [www.coventrypublicschools.org](http://www.coventrypublicschools.org). Look for the Twitter  symbol on the lower left hand side of the webpage. Be the first to know of school closing due to inclement weather, an early release from school, or a delayed opening!