

Whitney Wolves

2. We can succeed any challenge together. August 10, 2020



"People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." Theodore Roosevelt

Feel free to take a moment to reflect on how eager we are to return to our traditional school life. We know how the quarantine has affected us... but what has it felt like for our students? Children have missed routines, teachers, friends and learning in the school environment.

When we return, all staff will continue to do what they have always done, nurture and support the social-emotional well-being of every student by:

- SMILING!
- Greeting each child! Make them feel special!
- Developing daily Community Building activities
- Talking about managing emotions: Leaving school in the spring, quarantine, worries, missing friends, new expectations and returning to school and new schedules.
- Embedding journal writing opportunities to support students social-emotional needs
- Give responsibilities to students to encourage ownership of their new community
- Focus read-alouds that encourage speaking and listening skills, character feelings and motivations
- Build problem solving skills
- Encourage positive self-talk and accountable talk during lessons and group meetings

How can teachers and families tackle our own mixed emotions?

- Stay healthy: wash hands, exercise, move around frequently, drink water, eat colorfully
- Journal: reflect on success and plan to address concerns

- Limit 'screen-time': computer, tablets, phones, and TV
- Get enough sleep
- Build parent-teacher relationships
- Share ideas and strategies that worked for you and may work for others
- STAY POSITIVE!!!

We are an incredible team that can and will rise to every challenge and rejoice together in every success!

Family Collaboration Corner: Join periodic group discussions to have your voice heard and make a difference!

The Scoop?

NEW Office Assistant: We want to welcome and congratulate Mrs. Leslie Lawlor to her new role as part-time office assistant. We know that Mrs. Lawlor will continue to be an integral part of our pack.

Congratulations on your marriage Mrs. Silva!!!! We wish you a lifetime of adventures and happy memories.

Playground: Mr. Crandall is busy, busy, busy, planning for the return of our students. He is researching social-distancing playground activities and working with the team to have recess look like recess! Thank you, Mr. Crandall!!!

Building: Rooms are cleaned and ready to move in. Our custodians have worked tirelessly in this heat, fully masked, to ensure the building is clean, safe and comfortable for your child's return. They are a terrific team!

Masks and hand-washing: If you have not already done so, you may want to have your child begin practicing wearing a mask for extended periods. All students and staff will be required to wear a mask throughout the day. Students will be given several opportunities to take mask breaks during the day both inside and outside of the building. Teachers will also encourage frequent hand-washing between activities, before/after lunch, and during restroom use.



Katelyn Warner, our CHC therapist will join Eli Whitney full-time!

School will be starting soon and we want to make sure that your children have access to the health services and support they need to be successful.

Community Health Center, Inc.'s (CHC) School-Based Health Care (SBHC) program is an important part of our school team and is available to support your child's healthcare needs. Visits are available in person, online, or over the phone. Children will have access if learning in school or at home.

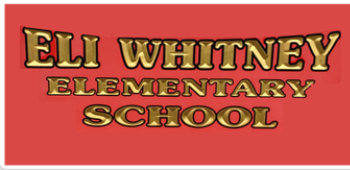
Not enrolled in SBHC services? Sign up online at any time by visiting: www.sbh1.com.

If your child or family members need an appointment outside of school, you can visit www.chc1.com or call (860) 347-6971 to find a clinic near you.

Programa de atención de salud escolar (SBHC) de Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC) es una parte importante de nuestro equipo escolar y está disponible para satisfacer las necesidades de atención médica de su hijo. Las visitas están disponibles en persona, en línea o por teléfono. Los niños tendrán acceso si aprenden en la escuela o en casa.

¿No está inscrito en los servicios SBHC? Regístrese en línea en cualquier momento visitando: www.sbhcl.com.

Si su hijo o familiares necesitan una cita fuera de la escuela, puede visitar www.chc1.com o llamar al (860) 347-6971 para encontrar una clínica cerca de usted.



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"The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you." - B.B. King

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