

# Bobcat News

February Issue 2019 Edition

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Susanne Garrity, Principal



## **Congratulations to the winners of our Winter Break Reading Challenge!**

Overall Winner: Mrs. O'Shea's Grade 2 Classroom  
Grade level winners:  
K-Mrs. Cole  
1-Mrs. Webber's Class  
2-Mrs. O'Shea's Class  
3-Mrs. Maggs' Class  
4-Mrs. Sutherland's Class  
5- Mrs. Curtis' Class

## **Attendance**

Attendance is extremely important for the entire school. We cannot challenge or address the weaknesses in our students' academic progress unless they are here at school. We have had many children absent on a half day, before, or after a long weekend, or absent for unexcused reasons. Please send your children to school everyday unless they are sick vomiting, with a fever, or a doctor has recommended that you keep them home. We have a full time school nurse here at school to help your children if they are not feeling well. We will never keep a student here at school if they are truly sick enough to be home.

## **Mid-Year News**

FYI: Extra effort is the key to success!

### **Unbelievably, the school year is nearly half over!**

It is time for everyone; students, parents, and teachers from kindergarten through grade five, to re-evaluate individual student needs and strategies for making greater progress.

With the new Massachusetts Common Core Standards we need our parents help more now than ever. Parents who can find time to regularly reinforce daily skills at home can be of great help towards improving their child's skill level and pace of academic growth. We hope that all families will work with us towards increasing student learning.

### **\* Reading fluency & Math Fact Champs \***

Many students in grades K-5 are making great strides practicing their skills in reading and math. We hope all families will help the children review and study daily assigned readiness skills, sight word vocabulary, reading fluency, and math facts. Mastering these skills will pay off in later grades.

## **Suggestions for Parents:**

It would be extremely helpful if each kindergarten parent would review and help their child study the work that is sent home by the Kindergarten teachers. Reading and math readiness skills must be mastered to move on to first grade. **All students should know their names, addresses and phone numbers.**

Grade one and two parents who can schedule time to help their children study vocabulary words, math facts, and reading skills 10-20 minutes each night will begin to see noticeable improvements. Reading comprehension and number sense are keys to your child's success!

Gr. K-5 parents who model reading, and encourage students to speak and write in complete sentences, and who regularly review their children's work give a clear message to students that education is important. We appreciate all those who regularly help their children study and find the time to review work sent home. Students need to memorize math facts and read, read, read.



## **The Sewell-Anderson Character**

### **Trait for**

### **February is Caring**

This month we will be focusing on caring.

Are you a good friend?

Are you kind and thoughtful of others?

Do you treat others the way you want to be treated?

Please take a moment to discuss what it means to be a caring individual with your child.

Remember:

## **Character Counts at**

## **Sewell-Anderson**

## **Dates to Remember**

### **FEBRUARY**

**Feb. 6-MA Winter Walk-to School-8:00**

**Gallagher Park**

**Feb.7-PTO-Roller World 5:30-7:30**

**Feb. 15-Wear Red + PTO Serves Ice Cream**

**Feb. 18 thru Feb 22- NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation**

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**"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence."**

# FEBRUARY 2019

## Sewell-Anderson Elementary



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	<b>5</b> <b>Winter Fun</b> <b>Basket Raffle</b> <b>Begin</b>  Girls Basketball Game @ Sisson 5:00  Boys Basketball Game @ Sisson 6:30	<b>6</b>  8:00-MA Winter Walk to School- Gallagher Park  Girls Basketball Game Home-Lincoln Thomson	<b>7</b>  5:30-7:30 Roller World    Boys Basketball Game Home-Aborn	8
<b>11</b>  Girls Basketball Game @ Drewicz	12	<b>13</b>  Girls Basketball Game Home -Aborn  Boys Basketball Game @ Ingalls	<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day  	<b>15</b>  <b>Wear Red and</b> <b>PTO Serves Ice</b> <b>Cream during</b> <b>Lunch</b>  
18 <i>President's Day</i>	19	20	21	22
No School-School Vacation				
<b>25</b>  Girls Basketball Game @ Shoemaker	<b>26</b>  Boys Basketball Game Home-Lynn Woods	<b>27</b>  Girls Basketball Game Home-Aborn  Boys Basketball Game @ Hood	<b>28</b>  BOX TOPS DUE	