



The Eagle

Mr. Christopher Rogers, Principal

Abner Gibbs is now Level 2!!!

November/
December 2015

Dear Abner Gibbs Families,
We are very pleased to announce that our school has moved up from a Level 3 to a Level 2 school based on our most recent performance on last spring's MCAS!!

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has just released each school's accountability level and data this

month and we are extremely excited to share the great news with our



families and all members of our school community!! We are very proud of the hard work of our staff, the

effort and performance of our students, and the support from our families and the school district.

As we celebrate this great accomplishment we want to stress the importance of your partnership in our efforts to keep our school moving forward. If you have questions regarding this please call Mr. Rogers at 572-6418.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Our school day for students begins promptly at 9:00 AM and dismissal is at 3:00 PM.
- ✓ If your child is to be dismissed from school, please send in a note in the morning.
- ✓ Anybody coming to school during the day must have a picture I.D.
- ✓ In case of a possible school cancellation or delayed opening due to weather, elementary families will receive a call from the School Messenger phone system at 6:30 AM.
- ✓ If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 572-6418.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!

Building a Strong School Community Through Improved Student Attendance

We are very excited with the progress our school is making both academically and with our focus on SOAR behavior. Part of what makes our school so great is that we are a neighborhood school with a lot of families living within walking distance of our school grounds. With that said, one of the ways we will make our school community even stronger and ensure our students are learning and achieving at the highest levels, is with excellent school attendance. Unless a student is really sick, it is our expectation that they are at school everyday no later than 9:00 AM. Our doors open at 8:45 and teaching and learning begin right away!!! I know if we work together with a strong-focus on student attendance, Abner Gibbs will "SOAR" to our goal of being a strong, high-performing school community for all of our children.

Report Cards

ST Math

Our new standards based report cards will be going home with students on Wednesday December 9. Please sign the envelope and send the envelope back to school with your child.

This will let us know that you have received the report card. The report card is yours to keep and if you have any questions please call us at 572-6418.



At our school we are using a web-based program called ST Math with our students that can also be used at home. We sent letters home earlier in the school year regarding the program. The following comes from the letter:

“With ST Math, students play computer games designed to teach math. They can play the games at home on devices with internet access. We encourage you to have your child play the games to review and practice the math skills learned in ST Math.

Your child’s teacher may assign ST Math games for homework. Please make sure only the child with the ST Math account plays the games. Your child will access the program just as he or she does at school. If your child is struggling, help them by asking them questions about what they see happening on the screen. You should not give your child the correct answer to get them past the game with which they are struggling. The goal of ST Math is to promote problem solving.”

Our students love ST Math and we believe it has helped them learn the math standards and improve their performance. If you have questions about ST Math please contact us at 572-6418.

PBIS Community Support

In November our PBIS team led the school in a Caps for a Cure hat day to support the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. During December, our students have been asked to

participate in a month-long PBIS community service experience to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society called Pennies for Patients. As always we are

looking to teach our students that they are part of a larger community and that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you to all who participated and helped support such great causes!!!

Dates/Events to Remember

- 12/9 - Trimester 1 Report Cards home with students
- 12/9 - Tree Lighting Ceremony—6:30 PM
- 12/17– Winter Concert—6:30 PM
- 12/18- In-School Winter Concert— 1:30 PM
- 12/22 - ERSD/Students dismissed at 12:00
- 12/23 - 12/31—Holiday Recess
- 12/29—AG Chorus performs at Mass Mutual Center
- 1/4— Schools Reopen

Looking for more information?

Check out our website:

<http://westfieldag.sharpschool.net/>

Please join our parent/guardian email-notification system by contacting Mrs. Matyseck at 572-6418.