



Flanders Falcon

FLANDERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Believe—Achieve—Succeed

June 2017

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June 8th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Beardsley Zoo

June 9th: 4th Grade Field Trip to Mystic

June 16th: 4th Grade Social Studies Presentation

June 19th: Grade 5 Recognition

June 19th: Talent Show

June 20th: Last Day (Early Dismissal 1:10 PM)

School Information:

Office 860-628-3372

School Hours : 8:35am-3:05pm

Early Dismissal: 8:35-1:10

ALL VISITORS MUST GO TO OFFICE

Please notify the office with any

Transportation changes

Lunch: \$2.75/Breakfast: \$1.75

SOUTHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Southington Public Schools is to engage students in a range of educational experiences to become informed, adaptive problem solvers who effectively communicate, rise to challenges, and are committed to improve themselves and their communities.

Principal's Corner

We can't believe that it is time to write the last message of the 2016-2017 year. The year has flown by! We want you to know that it has been a privilege getting to know the FES community and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and having the chance to watch them learn and grow.

Flanders is fortunate to have a dedicated staff that always puts children first. Teachers have worked diligently to ensure that learning comes alive and that each child receives strong, targeted instruction to meet their individual needs, strengths and interests. Flanders School will see a reduction of class sections in grades two and five for the 2017-2018 school year and an increase in class sections in grade four (3 sections) and kindergarten (4 sections). With the reduction of sections, Mrs. Lowell will be moving to kindergarten and Mrs. Padroff will be moving to grade 4. We know their new grade level teams will welcome them with open arms! Flanders will also need to add another kindergarten class and the teacher appointment has not been announced yet. We don't anticipate any other changes in teacher assignments. All students will know their room assignment for the 2017-2018 school year on the last day of school so stay tuned! This is an exciting time for all, as we begin to prepare for the Fall and anticipate the joys and opportunities of a fresh school year!

The FES PTO Executive Board members have been terrific partners this school year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each family at Flanders School for their commitment. Your support of both students and staff throughout the year is acknowledged and appreciated! Thanks to the generous support of the PTO, all FES students have been treated to several cultural arts events this year and are enjoying the new Makerspace Room for STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) exploration. The PTO has also sponsored field trips for every grade level, which allows learning to transcend across classrooms and out into the real world. We encourage all parents to stay involved in your child's education and participate in the Parent Teacher Organization. You can all make a difference!

Thank you again for your partnership this school year and have a wonderful summer vacation with family and friends!

All Our Best,

Mrs. Sally Kamerbeek & Mrs. Charity Baker

4th Grade teachers would like to congratulate our students
on all their hard work over the past year and wish you
a happy, healthy summer vacation.

Best of luck as 5th graders!



Mrs. Raposa & Mrs. Kellnhauser



Come and join us at Southington Adult and Continuing Education!

Would you like to learn *French, Italian, How to Sell on e-Bay* or about *Horticulture*? How about take a cooking or fitness class? Classes are taught at the local schools in the evenings and are reasonably priced! Some classes are one session and others run for consecutive weeks. Please check out the website for class offerings and schedules. Online registration is easy and quick at this site:

<https://southingtonschools.coursetorm.com>

We also offer FREE classes in the areas of General Education Development (GED) preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL) and United States Citizenship! Visit this website for more information:

<http://www.southingtonschools.org/page.cfm?p=8225>

From The Library

Just a reminder all Library books are due by the end of the school year in order for students to get their report cards. Notices will be sent home if your child is missing a book. Thanks for your cooperation and we look forward to next school year!



A Note From Ms. Baer

On Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:20PM the students in third grade, under the direction of Miss Baer, performed in a Recorder Concert in the school cafeteria. In just a few short months students have learned to play the recorder alone and in large group settings, read standard notation, and compose a short piece of music called, "Rise". They are well on their way to becoming future band and orchestra members. Please plan to join us to show your support for your child's accomplishments.

The Counselor's Corner

with Miss Cipes, School Counselor

Kelley School: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Flanders School: Tuesdays and Thursdays

This Month's Topic: The Difference between Temper Tantrums and Sensory Meltdowns

Many people think the words “tantrum” and “meltdown” mean the same thing, but they do not. While tantrums and meltdowns can look the same to an outside observer, the internal experience prompting such behaviors is quite different. Knowing what constitutes a tantrum and sensory meltdown can help you learn how ways to respond to your child that will provide a maximum amount of support.

A tantrum is an outburst that happens when a child is trying to get something he/she wants or needs. Some children with learning and attention issues are more prone to tantrums, as they have greater difficulty coping with strong, uncomfortable feelings. During tantrums children express their feelings in inappropriate ways (such as yelling, crying or lashing out). Behaviors displayed during tantrums are usually purposeful (i.e. for attention or to get one's way) and children in the midst of a tantrum usually have some control over their actions. Tantrums stop for one of two reasons: a child gets his/her way, or a child realizes that he/she won't get what he/she wants by acting out.

A sensory meltdown is a reaction to feeling overwhelmed. Sensory meltdowns happen when there is too much sensory information for a child to process. Examples of triggers for sensory meltdowns might be too much noise (an amusement park, a loud concert, etc.), too many things to think about (a long-term school project a child cannot decide on a topic for, a menu with too many items to choose from, etc.) or too many emotions happening at the same time. During meltdowns sensory information floods a child's brain, creating a “flight or freeze” response that causes irrational behaviors such as yelling or hitting.

To tame tantrums, acknowledge what your child wants without giving in. Make it clear that you understand what your child wants (“I can see you want dessert.”), then help him/her see that there is a more appropriate behavior that will work (“When you are done yelling, calmly tell me what you would like.”).

To manage a meltdown, help your child find a safe, quiet place to de-escalate, or change the amount of sensory input. Remove your child from the situation, if possible, and provide a calm, reassuring presence without using too much language. The goal is to reduce the amount of input coming in, not provide more.

Whether your child is having a tantrum or a sensory meltdown DO NOT engage in a discussion or argument with your youngster until he/she has calmed down.



Flanders Elementary School

Students of the Month

May 2017

Students of the Month:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Yatzook– **Olivia Chipelo**

Mrs. Alfano– **Linnea Perzan**

First Grade

Mrs. Bonaiuto– **Gabriella Zubrowski**

Mrs. Weber– **Jack Hall**

Second Grade

Mrs. Lowell– **Marissa Garofalo**

Miss Carvalho– **Audrey Angeletti**

Mrs. Engelhard– **Jonathon Sibley**

Third Grade

Mrs. Dombal– **Adriana Paskowski**

Mrs. Seeger– **Reilly Doran**

Mr. Jacques– **Angelina Egidio**

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Raposa– **Daniel Thai**

Mrs. Kellnhauser– **Andrew Percival**

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Padroff– **Altina Osmani**

Mrs. McAloon– **Gabby Rubino**

Mr. Murdzek– **Noah Atwood**



Please be sure to notify the office if your child will be absent.

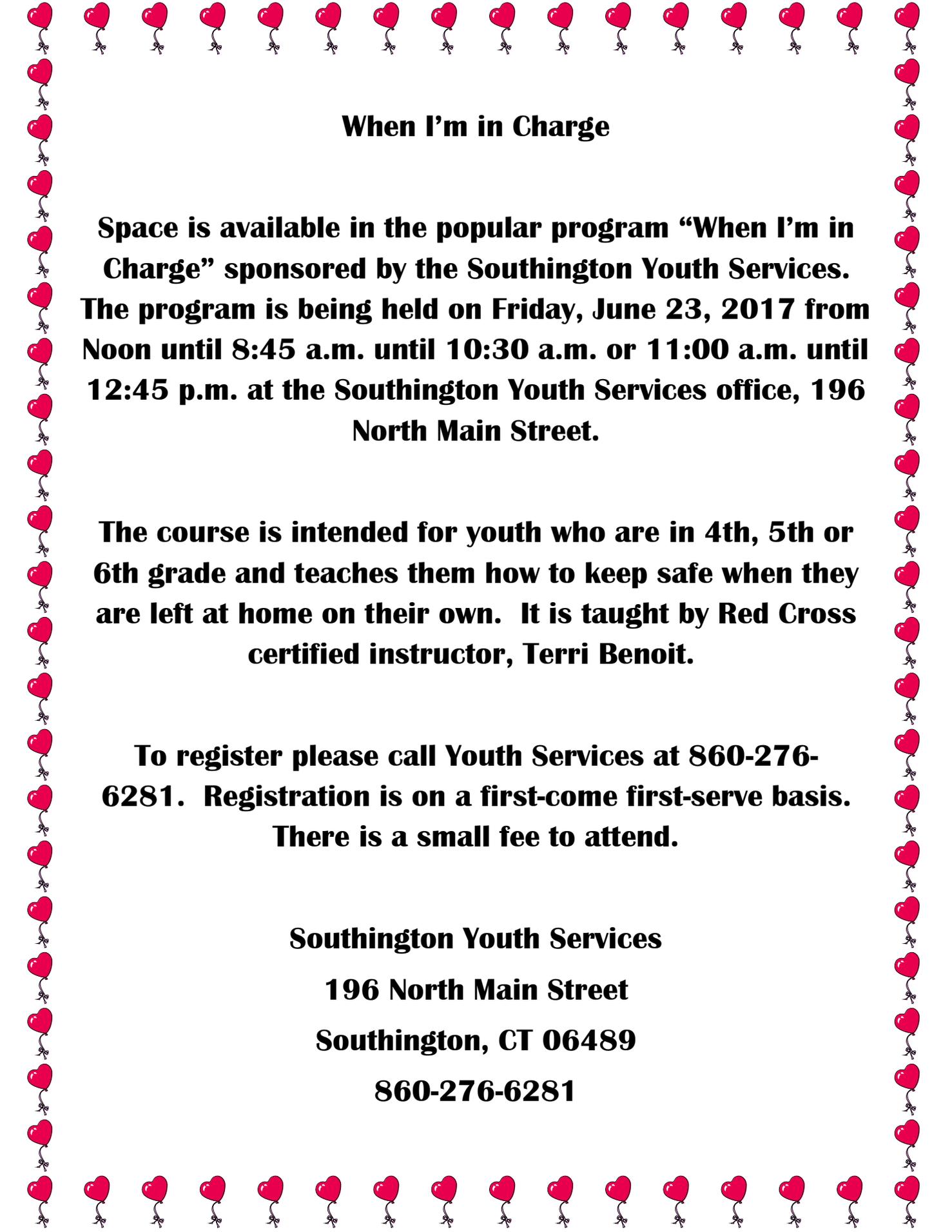
**If you call before school hours,
you can leave a message on our voice mail system.**

Main Office 860-628-3372

Nurse Office 860-628-3296

Thank you for your cooperation!





When I'm in Charge

Space is available in the popular program "When I'm in Charge" sponsored by the Southington Youth Services. The program is being held on Friday, June 23, 2017 from Noon until 8:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Southington Youth Services office, 196 North Main Street.

The course is intended for youth who are in 4th, 5th or 6th grade and teaches them how to keep safe when they are left at home on their own. It is taught by Red Cross certified instructor, Terri Benoit.

To register please call Youth Services at 860-276-6281. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. There is a small fee to attend.

Southington Youth Services

196 North Main Street

Southington, CT 06489

860-276-6281



PUT LOCAL ON YOUR TRAY

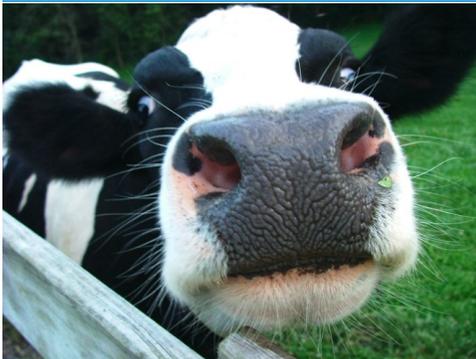
This month Southington schools Celebrate local dairy!

Dairy



JUNE

LOCAL TRAY DAY
Month of June



Fun To Know:

1 Milk Ratios
It takes more than 21 pounds of whole milk to make 1 pound of butter. It takes 12 pounds of whole milk to make 1 gallon of ice-cream!

2 Bathtub of Water
One cow will drink about 30-50 gallons of water *every day*. That's about a bath-tubs worth!

Get your taste buds ready!

This month our cafeteria is featuring local dairy! Did you know that most of the milk served in schools comes from our New England dairy farms?

Dairy is produced year round in Connecticut. Milk and all dairy is an excellent source of calcium. There are few foods that provide as much calcium, and the perfect balance of phosphorous and potassium to help us absorb and utilize that calcium in our bodies.

Milk can be made into many different products such as butter, cream, sour cream, yogurt and cheese.

Tasty Tidbit:
Yogurt with live active cultures can ease digestion, boost immunity, & help you fight infection. And yogurt gives your body the protein, calcium, and other nutrients that all dairy does!

\$\$\$\$\$ LUNCH OBLIGATIONS \$\$\$\$\$

Parents are reminded that in order to close our school accounts properly, all charges for hot lunches and milk money must be paid back by: Friday, June 16, 2016.

Students, who still owe for hot lunch passes on the last day of school, will not receive their report card until these charges have been paid.

Parents are also reminded that no borrowing for hot lunch is permitted the last two days that hot lunch is served.

This will be Monday, June 19th and Tuesday, June 20th.

ATTENTION: THIRD GRADERS

SAVE THE DATE!

FOR: The Southington School Instrumental Music Kick-off night

WHEN: September 5th and 7th

WHERE: Southington High School

TIME: To be determined (more information to follow in the fall)

WHY: Come to the instrument petting zoo and try out your top three instrument choices.

Summer Reading Lists

Summer Reading lists and letters to parents are now available on-line at the Southington Public Schools website, under the Parent Tab.

If your child has a food allergy or restriction, please review the breakfast/ lunch menus and ingredient lists.

Please contact nwelinsky@southingtonschools.org with questions.



SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEES NEEDED
IF INTERESTED GO TO WWW.SOUTHINGTONSCHOOLS.ORG
CLICK ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
SCHEDULED WORK TIMES 10:30AM -1:30PM

Lost & Found

A lot of items have been turned into the “lost and found” in the school nurse’s office. Clothing, lunch bags, and lots more are waiting to be claimed by their rightful owners. Have your child stop in and check in.