

# HATTON HIGHLIGHTS

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## 2020

### March News.... from the Principal's Office

Thankfully we are almost out of the “official” winter season and will soon see some more frequent spring-like weather. Please continue to monitor TV and Internet for updates on days where the weather is questionable, and we ask that you remind your children about dressing appropriately for the conditions. Cold mornings followed by warm afternoons usually result in lots of misplaced sweatshirts and coats – please be sure clothing is labeled and check the lost and found for any missing items. Spring will be here soon enough, and shorts and short sleeves will be back in style.

Calling all new **Kindergarteners**... our registration date is Wednesday, March 11. If you will be bringing us a kindergartener next year (or know someone who is), please be sure to contact our main office to schedule a registration appointment. We are eager to welcome the high school graduating class of “2033” for their first school experiences!

March will also be filled with some exciting activities including our PTO Bingo Night and our celebration of Read Across America Day (both on March 6). We will have special guest readers visiting classrooms to read with our students – and thank you to Mrs. Evenski for organizing this fun event. The kids are in for a treat! Speaking of treats... students will receive their progress reports on Friday 3/13. These will be sent to you via email just in time for our parent/teacher conferences on Monday 3/16 and Tuesday 3/17. (\*note – both Parent Conference Days are scheduled early dismissal days... @ 1:10). Please use the progress report as a starting point for discussions with teachers about your child’s progress and to set learning goals for the final marking period.

By now you have probably filled your kitchen calendar with these dates, activities and more, but don’t worry, we’ll do our best to provide reminders as the events come closer.

**Safety Reminder** - With spring activities we typically see an increase in our early dismissals and changes to student transportation. Please be sure that anyone picking up your child is on our emergency pickup list and has a valid ID, and that any early dismissal occurs prior to 2:45pm. After 2:45 pm students will be dismissed to parents via their regular transportation plans. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of every Hatton student.

We formally begin our class placement process in March each year. Our teachers consider a wide range of characteristics as we build our class lists for the coming year and our focus is on the learning needs of every student. Please keep an eye out for a letter coming home that will ask for your thoughts on your child’s learning style. This will help us in making our plans for next year but please understand that we cannot honor requests for specific teachers. All students will receive official notification of class placement in August.

There’s a new “COW” at Hatton! Thank you to our PTO for purchasing another **Computers On Wheels** cart that allows us to turn any classroom into a computer lab for 25 laptop computers. This additional cart will come in very handy and we appreciate the on-going support from our parent community. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who continue to step up and volunteer at our school. Your presence and commitment to our students truly make our school an outstanding place for teaching and learning.

*Here’s to another great month at Hatton Elementary!*

Respectfully,

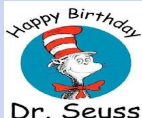
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**\*\*Cool Hatton Fact – our Friday Phone Call total as of 2/28 is 420 Phone Calls!**  
Way to go Hatton!!! ...and special thanks to our friends at NBC30 for highlighting our Friday Phone Calls on a feature story last month.





## MARCH Calendar of Events



- March 2 Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 5 Students /Staff—Dress as your favorite Charlotte's Web character
- March 6 National Read Across America Day  
Celebrity Readers Visit  
PTO—Bingo Night, Café, 6-8 pm
- March 8 Daylight Savings—Spring Ahead
- March 9 PTO Meeting @ Hatton, 7:00pm
- March 11 Kindergarten Registration  
(Please call for an appointment)  
9:00—12:00pm, 1:00—2:45 pm
- March 12 Board of Education Meeting @  
Municipal Center, 7:00pm
- March 14 SHS SAT testing, 8:00-1:00pm
- March 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences—  
EARLY DISMISSAL 1:10pm  
Grades PK—5
- March 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences—  
EARLY DISMISSAL 1:10pm  
Grades PK—5  
**St. Patrick's Day**
- March 18/19 Spring photos /Class pictures
- March 19 First Day of Spring
- March 20 Author visit  
PTO - Movie Night
- March 24 Science Invention Convention 6-8pm  
SHS cafeteria
- March 25 Cultural Arts- Gr. Pre-K & Kdgtn.
- March 27 Cultural Arts, Gr. 1  
Drama Club Production- Frozen Jr,  
7:00pm @ JAD auditorium
- March 28 Drama Club production- Frozen Jr,  
5:00pm @JAD auditorium
- March 31 Professional Development Day  
EARLY DISMISSAL K-5  
1:10pm  
Cultural Arts, Gr. 2  
Good Deeds Week (thru April 3)



### Message from the School Lunch Director, Nya Welinsky

If your child has a food allergy or restriction please review the breakfast /lunch menus and ingredients lists.  
Please contact:

[nwelinsky@southingtonschools.org](mailto:nwelinsky@southingtonschools.org)  
with questions.

Substitute food employees are needed.

If interested please go to [Southingtonschools.org](http://Southingtonschools.org) and click on employment opportunities. Hours are from 10:30 AM until 1:30 PM



### Hatton School Safety



- ⇒ All doors are monitored from the office.
- ⇒ All Visitors are buzzed in through the main door only.
- ⇒ All Visitors and volunteers report to the office upon arrival to sign in and sign out. You will be given a visitor's badge.
- ⇒ Police will be notified if strangers are loitering on school grounds.
- ⇒ Exterior doors will be kept locked. All classroom doors are kept locked as well.
- ⇒ Students will be released only to parents, guardians, or a designee through the main office or the health office. Identification may be requested.
- ⇒ Two-way radios are used to keep duty teachers in touch with the main office during arrival, recess and dismissal.

welcome Spring!



## **Early Release Dates for March**

### **Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences** **Monday, March 16th & Tuesday, March 17th, 2020**

**Southington Elementary Schools** will be on a **shortened day schedule**,  
for parent/teacher conferences to take place.

In the event inclement weather causes a change in the opening or closing of school  
on an early release conference day, the following will apply:

1. Delayed opening—Report card conferences will be canceled and students will be dismissed at their regular time. This is necessary to insure that the legal requirement of a four (4) hour day is met.
2. Early closing—Report card conferences will be canceled and students will be dismissed on the announced early closing schedule
3. Canceled conference days will be rescheduled on the same day of the following week.

**The shortened day schedule for March 16 & 17, 2020 is as follows:**

**AM Pre School : 8:35 a.m.—10:25 a.m.**

**PM Pre School : 11:20 a.m.—1:10 p.m.**

**Grades K-5: 8:35 a.m.—1:10 p.m.**

## **Professional Development**

**Early Release on Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

**\*Grades K—5 8:35 A.M. — 1:10 P.M.**

**\*\*\*Pre School is a regular scheduled day\*\*\***

## Reminder to Parents from the Nurse's Office

Reminder: When your child is going to be absent from school due to an illness or if he/she will be arriving late due to a doctor's appointment, please be sure to call the school nurse,

Mrs. Pelletier at  
(860) 628-3377,  
ext. 303.  
Thank You!



Head Lice Prevention Reminder	
As we head into spring and summer months head lice prevention continues to be important. Please remember, head lice are common, can be treated, and can happen to anyone.	
DO:	DON'T:
Instruct children to keep personal items to self - (combs, brushes, ribbons, hats, etc.)	Panic.
Observe for itching, scratch marks on scalp, live lice and nits strongly attached to hair.	Allow sharing of personal items.
Contact your school nurse and family health care provider if you suspect head lice.	Use any products on your child without checking with his/her doctor.
Follow treatment recommendations.	Send you child to school with live lice or new nits in their hair.
Remove nits. This is an important lice control measure.	
Call your school nurse and health care provider.	
Have your school nurse check your child's hair after treatment and before returning to the classroom.	
Incorporate a head check as part of a normal grooming activity with your child, but inspect hair every other day during lice alerts.	
For more information - <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/">http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/</a>	



## Informational Flyers

Informational Flyers are now uploaded to the Southington Schools website. Please be sure to take a moment to visit

[Southingtonschools.org](http://Southingtonschools.org).

Click on the Students and Parents tab and then select News and Announcements on the left. This information is updated regularly so please remember to check often to keep informed of current school and community events.

Thank you.

## Important Reminder When your Child is Tardy

The Hatton school day begins promptly at 8:35 am. If your child is not present in his/her classroom by 8:35am, he/she will be marked absent by the classroom teacher.

It is very important to sign your child into the school office before going to the classroom so that they are not marked absent for the day.

The absent status will then be changed to tardy status. Thank you for your help!

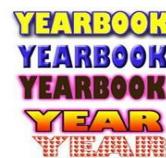


## D.A.R.E

The Southington Police Department in cooperation with the Southington School System is presenting the drug education program, D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education. The program is to help students in recognizing and resisting the pressures that may influence drug use. The DARE program is a weekly class for our grade 5 students. We are happy to welcome back Officer Bradle to Hatton this year! The program will conclude with a DARE graduation sometime in April; Date and time to follow.



This year's yearbook includes all color photos and an original cover design. The yearbook is for everyone from Pre K to 5th grade. Order your yearbook by filling in the order form distributed in your child's school mail or online at:



<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>  
using school ID Code: 7338920

The price is \$17.00. Zoom current events insert is additional \$1.75. Deadline for orders is **March 27, 2020.**

## BIRTHDAY CORNER

A great big wish to the following students who are celebrating their special day in **March.**

Asher N.	Madison D.	Seren A.
Ukaraabasi E.	Aubrey K.	Kendall L.
Samantha T.	Luca O.	Annabelle P.
Stella L.	Chase B.	Juliana K.
Noah A.	Lucy D.	Dominic G.
Braden G.	Cecelia S.	Madison L.
Ethan P.	Jo-Leigh D.	Ian C.
Olivia P.	Kevin D.	Paige D.
Eko R.	Jessa S.	Amelia R.
Dominic T.	Mason T.	Esti E.
Braelyn N.	Trevor H.	Ruby V.
Ashton P.	Gregory K.	Jake N.



## FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

We would like to thank the PTO for their very generous donation of new books to the library. The students were thrilled to see all of the new selections - thank you!!

Gr. K - Students explored the PebbleGo database. They maneuvered through the Animals, Social Studies, Science, and Biographies sections. They listened to the facts and watched videos (they learned to minimize/maximize the screen!) Students then became Animal Experts, they chose an animal and they had to write/draw a fact they learned about it. We enjoyed being researchers!

Gr. 1 - Since first graders are familiar with PebbleGo, students chose an animal and then wrote several facts about it, making sure their fact corresponded to the correct heading.

Gr. 2 - Second graders learn about their town, so we are learning about the wild animals we see here in Southington. They needed to search for a variety of facts on a variety of websites. Students utilized PebbleGo, Animals A-Z, National Geographic Kids, and Enchanted Learning.

Gr. 3 - Need a staycation? Ask a third grader! Students chose a tourist place in CT to learn more about. With their information, they are learning how to design a Google Slides presentation to share what they have learned. They are getting creative with the font styles, background colors, and inserting images.

Gr. 4 - Students designed a Google Slides presentation teaching others how to protect our devices from a computer virus. Their slides were impressive to see in how they expressed their rules on what not to do. Watch out for those computer worms!

Gr. 5 - Ads are everywhere! They're on TV, on the sides of websites, and even in our video games! Students applied their critical thinking skills to ads and our mantra "don't believe everything we see", skills they used in evaluating websites. After learning about some advertising tricks, students are creating their own ad in their Google accounts for their favorite product/store/restaurant.

Mrs. Mauro



**National Read Across America Day**

**March 6, 2020**

You're never too old  
Too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book,  
And read with a child.  
In churches and chambers  
Let's gather around,  
Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.  
So join us on March 2nd  
In your own special way,  
And make this America's  
Read to kids day.

—Anita Merina, 1997



**The SPS district wide Invention Convention  
is at Southington High School  
on Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
6:00P.M. — 8:00 P.M.**

**The statewide Invention Convention is  
May 2, 2020 at UCONN**

**PTO NEWS**

**March Events**



**March 6th - Family Bingo Night**

**March 9th - PTO Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

**March 20th— Movie Night**

**March 27th —Drama Club Presentation,  
Frozen Jr., JAD, 7:00pm**

**March 28th -Drama Club Presentation  
Frozen Jr., JAD, 5:00pm**

**Thank you for your Support. Together  
Let's Make Our PTO A Success!**

***2020 Southington Schools***

***Town wide Spelling Bee***

***Monday, April 6 @ 7:00pm***

***Thalberg Elementary School***

*Please join us for our annual Spelling Bee  
sponsored by the Meriden-Record Journal  
and myrecordjournal.com, the Southington  
Education Foundation and Southington  
Public Schools.*

*Congratulations to our Hatton representatives!*

*Winner: Paul Swiatek  
Runner up : Christian Moore*

*We hope to see you there!*





## The ABC's of Reading to and With Your Child

Ask questions while reading together. "What do you think will happen next?"

Buy books as gifts for birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, or other holidays.

Chat about what is happening in the book and how it relates to everyday life.

Drop everything and read. Set aside 20 minutes a day during which the whole family reads.

Examine book illustrations in detail. Select books that have large, bright pictures.

Find books that interest your child. Make suggestions, but don't turn reading into work.

Give hints when your child gets stuck on a word.

Have fun. Smile and enjoy the story. Read with a slow, relaxed voice and be expressive.

Invoke your child to the bookstore. Take time to lounge in the chairs and browse the books.

Join in your child's reading success. Celebrate every small step with sincere praise.

Kids love to receive mail. Send your child a magazine subscription in an area that interests him or her.

Learn to read with—not just to—your child daily. Read aloud, share ideas, and answer questions.

Model reading. Share with your child, whether you're reading for information or for entertainment.

Never force your child to read. If you're both too tired or discouraged to read, take a break.

Offer your child a variety of reading materials—such as books, magazines, cereal boxes, comics and newspapers.

Predict story elements, draw conclusions, and retell the story with your child.

Quiz your child at the end of a story. Informally, of course.

Reread books to familiarize your child with words and to build self confidence.

Sing songs, recite poetry, and do finger plays to help develop language and listening skills.

Try to help your child understand that it's okay to make mistakes.

Understand that reading is developmental and that it takes time and practice to become fluent.

Visit your local library on a regular basis. Sign your child up for his or her own library card.

Welcome wordless picture books into your collection. They generate conversation and allow the nonreader to create his or her own stories.

Xhibit patience when your child is selecting books. Your support is empowering.

You are the most important person in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

Zealous readers are the result of support and nurturing role models.





PUT LOCAL ON YOUR TRAY

This month Southington  
Schools  
are celebrating *local*

Dairy



MARCH

LOCAL TRAY DAY  
Is Every day!



### 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?

We feature fresh milk every day from Wade's Dairy, located in Bridgeport, CT!

### 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!





## Bring it HOME

Find a farm near you, pick up some produce, and have some fun! Not sure where to go? Visit [buyctgrown.com](http://buyctgrown.com) to find local products close to home.

### RECIPE

#### Yogurt Parfait

##### Ingredients:

- ½ cup of berries (or your favorite fruit!)
- ½ cup yogurt
- ½ cup granola

- 1 In a cup, place a small layer of yogurt for the base.
- 2 Put your fruit on top of this base. Add more yogurt.
- 3 Top off with crunch granola and Enjoy!

*Tip:* Using a clear cup will show off all the delicious layers of this snack!

### ACTIVITY

#### Marbled Milk Paper



- 1 Cut water color paper to fit inside a casserole dish (or other shallow tray).
- 2 Pour 3-4 tablespoons of milk into the tray (or just enough to cover the bottom of the tray).
- 3 Add drops of food coloring to the milk then add dollops of dish soap around the tray
- 4 Using a Q-tip or toothpick, swirl the colors. Take a sheet of your pre-cut paper and lay it on top of the milk mixture. Press down and gently lift.
- 5 Let dry completely

# Managing your student's account just got easier!

**Southington School Food Service** offers:



**MyPaymentsPlus**<sup>SM</sup>

K-12 Online Payment System

## Use MyPaymentsPlus to:

- Make payments using a credit card, debit card or e-check
- Check account balances online: [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- Auto-pay your student's account when it reaches a low balance



## Never any cost to:

- Receive notifications when your student's account balance is low
- View your student's account balance 24/7
- Monitor student purchases
- Download the free mobile app!

## Easy one-time registration:

- Visit [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- Follow the on-screen instructions to create an account
- Add your students using their Student ID number

Visit  
**MyPaymentsPlus.com**  
to get started!

**[www.MyPaymentsPlus.com](http://www.MyPaymentsPlus.com)**



# March 2020

## Elementary & Middle Schools

### BREAKFAST



**School Information:** Student Breakfast: \$2.00  
Reduced Breakfast: .30  
[www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) -make online pre-payments and check balances



**Nutrition Tip:** March is National Nutrition Month! To celebrate try eating at least one new food each week. Keep it interesting by picking out new foods you've never tried before, like mango, lentils, quinoa, kale, or sardines.  
References: Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, USDA MyPlate

### Monday

2

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

### Tuesday

3

Bagel Sandwich  
Egg & Cheese on a toasted Bagel

### Wednesday

4

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

### Thursday

5

Mini Pancakes

### Friday

6

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

9

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

10

Warm Zucchini, Blueberry, Lemon, Pumpkin or Banana Bread

11

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

12

Breakfast Pizza

13

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

16

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

17

French Toast Sticks

18

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

19

Mini Pancakes

20

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

23

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

24

Bagel Sandwich  
Egg & Cheese on a toasted Bagel

25

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

26

Warm Zucchini, Blueberry, Lemon, Pumpkin or Banana Bread

27

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

30

Choice of:  
Bagel  
Muffin  
Cereal  
Breakfast Bar

31

Breakfast Pizza





# March 2020

## Southington Elementary School

### LUNCH



**School Information:** Student Lunch: \$3.00  
Reduced Lunch: .40  
[www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com) -make online  
prepayments and check balances



**Nutrition Tip:** March is National Nutrition Month! To celebrate try getting more creative in the kitchen and trying a new recipe or cuisine you haven't had before.

References: Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics

#### Monday

**2** Chicken Pattie or Spicy Chicken Pattie on a roll  
Seasoned Potato Wedges  
Steamed Broccoli  
Fresh Apple

**9** Chicken Quesadilla w/ Salsa & Corn  
Rice & Kidney Beans  
Pineapple

**16** Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a roll  
Curly Fries  
Baby Carrots with ranch dip  
Fresh Apple

**23** Chicken Pattie or Spicy Chicken Pattie on a roll  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Citrus-spiced Green Beans  
Cinnamon Applesauce

**30** BBQ Pulled Pork On a soft roll  
Curly Fries  
Vegetarian Baked Beans  
Orange Wedges

#### Tuesday

**3** Breadstick Dunkers or Breadsticks stuffed with Mozzarella cheese  
With meat sauce  
Tomato & cucumber salad  
Peaches

**10** Pasta with meatballs  
Citrus-spiced green beans  
Garlic knot  
Cinnamon Applesauce

**17** Chicken Tenders w/dips or Crispy Chicken  
Drumstick  
Mashed Potato & Gravy  
Steamed Broccoli  
Cinnamon Applesauce

**24** Breadstick Dunkers With meat sauce  
Tomato & Cucumber salad  
Pears

**31** Popcorn Chicken w/dips  
Seasoned Noodles  
Corn & Baby Carrots with dip  
Fresh Apple

#### Wednesday

**4** BBQ Turkey on a soft roll  
Seasoned Noodles  
Sweet Peas  
Cucumber Slices  
Pears

**11** Popcorn Chicken w/dips  
Seasoned Noodles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Peaches

**18** Tacos w/ seasoned meat, lettuce, cheese  
salsa and corn  
Black beans & Rice  
Pineapple

**25** Popcorn Chicken w/dips  
Seasoned Noodles  
Steamed Broccoli  
Baby Carrots  
Peaches

#### Thursday

**5** Wild Mike's Pizza or White Garlic Cheese Pizza  
Carrot & Celery Sticks  
With ranch dip  
Cinnamon Applesauce

**12** Galaxy Pizza or White Garlic Pizza  
Green Beans and Red Peppers  
With ranch dip  
Pears

**19** Stuffed Crust Pizza or White Garlic Pizza  
Garden Salad with dressing  
Peaches \* (Mixed Greens  
Local tray day item)

**26** The Max Personal Pizza or White Garlic Pizza  
Carrot & Celery Sticks with Ranch dip  
Mandarin Oranges

#### Friday

**6** Mini Ravioli with sauce  
Green Beans  
Carrot Sticks  
Pineapple

**13** French Toast Sticks  
Cheese Omelet  
Sweet Potato Puffs  
Fresh Apple

**20** Toasted Cheese Sandwich  
Homemade Noodle Soup  
Carrot & Celery sticks  
With ranch dip & Pears

**27** Mini Pancakes  
Cheese Omelet  
Potato Puffs  
Fresh Orange Wedges





