

# Principal Newsletter

4/6/2019



Hi Families!

I hope you all had an amazing Spring Break and were able to have some quality time with your children! I can't believe it's already April! Time definitely flies by! The end of the school year is an exciting time for our kids. There are field trips planned for some classes, outdoor activities, multiple project-based learning opportunities going on, and more! I look forward to seeing all the learning opportunities that take place these next two months! The remainder of this newsletter includes important information and dates coming up in the next month.

As always, please feel free to connect with me if you have any questions! 😊

Sincerely,  
Mr. Bezeau



# Notices and information



## **Sharing Safety Updates at 4/8/19 PTO meeting**

At our next PTO meeting (4/8/19), information will be shared about safety updates coming to Weiss. These updates include information about our A.L.I.C.E, new room signs, and updated entry way for the 2019-2020 school year. The PTO meeting starts at 6pm.

## **School Safety Update**

Downriver STEM at Weiss elementary school is currently in the process of enhancing the way we respond to school emergencies. In the past we have practiced lockdown as a way of keeping students safe in the case of an emergency - such as an intruder entering the building. Over time we have determined that there are better ways to keep children safe if these types of situations arise. Through collaboration and guidance with our school liaison officer, district crisis coordinator, and the Woodhaven Police Department we are now introducing a new protocol which we call A.L.I.C.E. ALICE is an acronym which means Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. The ALICE protocol is designed to provide additional opportunities to increase the safety of those in a building.

## **Lunch Monitor**

If you know anyone that loves being around kids and would be interested in helping our Weiss community during lunch and recess, please have them call our office!

## **Cyber Bullying**

I wanted to dedicate part of my newsletter to raise awareness about cyber bullying. The following link shares a lot of information about cyberbullying and how it can affect children: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it/index.html> If your child has access to social media, or any platforms where they can engage with others over the internet; I would urge you to have a conversation with your child about cyber bullying and the effects it could have. Additionally, it is very important to check your child's social media from time-to-time to ensure they are using it with kindness.

# Upcoming Important Dates



- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** PTO meeting at 6pm
- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** **\*\*CHANGED DATE\*\*** MB&T Banking  
(Changed to April 15<sup>th</sup>)
- **April 12<sup>th</sup>** Half day for students and PM PD for staff
- **April 13<sup>th</sup>** Martian Marathon
- **April 14<sup>th</sup>** Story time with Mr. Bezeau via Facebook  
at 7:30 pm
- **April 15<sup>th</sup>** MB&T Banking
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>** No School
- **April 25<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip
- **May 6<sup>th</sup>** District Open House
- **May 6<sup>th</sup>** PTO Meeting at 6pm
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>** Innovation Night 5:30-7:00



- On March 12th, Downriver STEM at Weiss showed off some of the amazing things happening in our school. This was our first STEM Expo and it was an opportunity to show all the STEM learning that is happening within our school. We had classrooms working on EiE kits, markespaces, Genius Hours projects, PBL projects, and more! It was great to see some of the creations that the students came up with! Great Job Wildcats!



- We wanted to give a huge shout out to Rowan O'Connell (4<sup>th</sup>-) and Addison Skinner(5<sup>th</sup>) for their STEM challenge projects. Both of them placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the whole district for their amazing projects! Great job Rowan and Addison!



Rowan is pictured on the left and Addison is pictured on the right.



We had a great time with PAWS from the Detroit Tigers on March 27<sup>th</sup> thanks to our amazing PTO!! The students read a poem with PAWS, talked about the importance of reading, and had a chance to win prizes! Thanks to Mrs. Pogrmich for being a great MC at this assembly!

