

Canaan Elementary School

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Dear Canaan Parents/Guardians:

There has been a rash of inappropriate use of cell phones by students. This misuse has been happening after school hours but some of the ill feelings they cause have filtered into the school. At this time, I implore parents to closely monitor what your children are doing with their phones. Please keep in mind that if it filters into school and if I have a hard copy of the conversation, I will take action. Cyber bullying will result in an out of school suspension. If your child is involved in inappropriate use of electronics, please take action at home before it filters into school. We are looking into some programs for parents and children alike to address this issue.

This year is quickly moving along. Here are some reminders for the next few weeks.

- Please make sure we have current contact telephone numbers for you on file. Sometimes phone numbers change and we are unable to reach parents.
- The next PTF meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14.
- Winter carnival will be held on Tuesday, Feb 13 for students in grades K-1. Students in grades 2-6 will participate in Winter Carnival on Wednesday, Feb 14th.
- The Chocolate bunny fundraiser is in full swing. Orders and money are due back on Wednesday, February 14th.
- February vacation is Monday, February 19th through Friday, February 23rd.
- Kindergarten students will be going to the Canaan Public Library on Wed, Feb 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Kindergarten registration for 2018-19 has been scheduled for Friday, May 4. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before October 15th, please call the office to set up an appointment.
- Carrabassett (Masonic) Lodge #161 is sponsoring the **Bikes For Books** program again this year. **Bikes for Books** is a reading incentive program for grades K-6. For every book a child reads, they get a ticket to fill out and put into a drawing for a new bike. The more books they read, the more chances they get to have their name chosen for the bike. The program will run from February vacation until the week before April vacation. We will draw one ticket for a boy and one for a girl from each class. The winner will receive a new bike and a helmet. The kickoff for this program will be held on Friday, February 16th.

We are having a great school year. We love having your children in our school. Please feel free to stop into the school.

Steve Swindells, Principal

