

## **Dwight Elementary School**

2012 National Blue Ribbon School





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Dear Parents,

Well, I think I can finally say that, "Spring has sprung!" I wanted to update you on a few things as we venture into the last three months of school. First, thank you for cooperating with our new safety procedures and protocols. Change is often hard, but necessary. Several of you have noticed increased police presence on our Dwight campus. This is now standard operating procedure among all of our Fairfield Public Schools. In addition, our staff is very welcoming and grateful to have the police department visit our school so I believe that our friendly approach encourages them to stop by often.

Second, I have received many comments from the community at large about the strong attendance of the Dwight community at the Board of Finance Budget Public Hearing on Saturday, March 30 at Roger Ludlowe. We are a small school that made a big impact by showing our support of the Fairfield Public School proposed budget. Again, thanks to all of you and a special thank you to Gina Luczaj whose dedication to our school and town is unyielding.

Third, our Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing has been running smoothly. Our students have persevered through all of the English Language Arts (ELA) assessments and our now working on the math assessments. The fifth graders have demonstrated an incredible facility with the online tools, and have been able to problem solve and interpret this newly created assessment. I am proud of our entire Dwight community for coming together and putting forth a best effort.

Whether you are traveling or staying close to home during April break, I wish you a restful, fun-filled week with your family and friends.

Respectfully,

Mariales

Mimi Maniscalco