



The Stafford Scoop

Stafford Elementary School

January 2024

From the Principal

Dear SES Families,

Wishing all of our SES Families a healthy and happy start to 2024!

Thank you to our families for all of your support during these past busy weeks, whether helping at our book fair, attending our winter concert, participating in our curriculum conversations about the science of reading, or volunteering in classrooms—we are lucky to have your support!

We will aim to spend as much time outdoors as Mother Nature allows during these winter months. The fresh air feels amazing! Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately (coat, mittens/gloves, hat) for time outdoors during these winter months.

As always, thank you for all that you do to help your child be ready and willing to learn at Stafford Elementary School. Don't hesitate to call the school at 860-684-6677 with any questions.

Thank you for sharing your child with us,



Ms. Manning

Winter Assessments

- Week of January 22: DIBELS (reading) for Grades 1-5
- Week of February 5: STAR Testing (reading & math) for Grades 2-5

Updates from SES

-Two classrooms at each grade level will be piloting a new reading program called Amplify starting in January 2024. This program is aligned to the Science of Reading, which is a method of teaching reading based on scientific research from the last several decades. Stay tuned for more information!

-Many thanks to Jenn Gladu from the PTO, our librarian Rachael Funk, and ALL the family members who volunteered to help make our Scholastic Book Fair such a success! We had almost \$12,000 in sales and, with the earned Scholastic bucks from the sales, classroom teachers had the opportunity to purchase books for their classroom libraries as well as Mrs. Funk to purchase for the school library.

-A big thank you to everyone for their donations last Friday for PJ Day, a large fundraiser across the state of CT to support CCMC. SES raised over \$600!

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Happy New Year!	2 Welcome back!	3	4	5
8	9 -PTO Meeting	10	11	12
15 No School / MLK Jr. Day	16	17	18	19
22 -DIBELS testing begins (Grades 1 - 5)	23	24	25	26