

PTA News

March 2019 Spotlight



Our Spotlight this month features Amy Maxton, Kindergarten Teacher

Can you give me a bit of background about you:

Where do you live, do you have children/pets or live with someone you'd like to share with us?

I live in Westfield with my husband and two dogs. I have a son, who I am proud to say is a Connecticut State Trooper, and two step children who are in college.

What was your job before coming to Farmington River?

Before coming to Farmington River, I taught kindergarten for 12 years and speech and language for 6 years.

What are your hobbies, or what do you enjoy doing on your time off?

My hobbies include photography, shopping and learning. On my time off, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, especially my Labradors. Every summer, I look forward to vacationing in Maine.

What is your job at Farmington River, and what does it entail?

I am a full-day kindergarten teacher. I teach the kindergarten students social skills, reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

Can you tell us how you feel about working at Farmington River, and what your goals are in your position?

I really enjoy working at Farmington River, the staff here is caring and always ready to lend a hand to one another.

What's your favorite part of the day?

My favorite part of the day is in the morning, during morning meeting. I love sharing new greetings every week with the students, and watching the students practice greeting each other. The students also have a "share question" that is a way of learning about each student. The activities that are done during morning meeting create a strong community in the classroom, and are enjoyed by all of the students.

What sort of message do you want to give to the children and parents at Farmington River?

We are all working together to get the same outcome: happy and successful children. The message I want to give to children and parents is to believe both in yourself, and in your children. Put your best effort into your work, and great things can happen. Be proud of your accomplishments.

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
—Benjamin Franklin

**March:
If it comes in
like a lion,
May it go out
like a lamb**

Vintage Lion & Lamb images source:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 3:15 pm
in the School Library

♦ Child Care during PTA meetings ♦

Please join us! Just send your child in with a note to stay during meeting

Ca\$h Calendar Winners

Announced throughout March—best of luck!

Annual Spring Ice Cream Social

April 10

Administrative Professionals Day

April 24

School Principal's Day

May 1

School Lunch Hero Day

May 3

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6 - 10

School Nurse Day

May 8



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◆ GENERAL PTA NEWS ◆

OUR 2ND ANNUAL "TUBING AT BUTTERNUT" WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

After a couple of stalled attempts due to some other rainy or freezing ideas, presented by an initially uncooperative Mother Nature, we finally were able to reschedule our PTA-sponsored **Annual Tubing at Butternut Ski Resort** for **Grades K-6** this past **Friday, March 1**. The children had a terrific time, as did the adults in attendance! We were pleased by the gorgeous, sunny, relatively warm conditions for the event, and wish to thank all the excited children for their patience. It truly was worth the wait!

CASH CALENDAR WINNERS ARE NOW BEING ANNOUNCED THROUGHOUT MARCH, AND BEYOND, WITH 39 CHANCES TO WIN!

Our popular **Cash Calendar daily winning numbers** are busily being spun, drawn, and announced each day! With more chances to win than ever before, the Calendar is a key part of how we fund the vast majority of our PTA programs and events. To our local businesses and families who have sponsored a calendar "square," we say a hearty Thank You. Very best of luck at your exciting chance to win all-cash prizes, between \$50 and \$500!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND ENJOY THE BUDDING SPRING FEVER!



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