

Kid Scoop News Superintendent's Corner: April 2019

Hello Newton-Conover students!! I hope you are continuing to have a great school year. Can you believe that it is already April? The month of April is one of my favorites because the Easter holiday/break often occurs in that month (and sometimes March). It is a great time to remember that new life and new possibilities always exist if you believe. It is also a favorite month of mine because we are squarely in the season of Spring. I love the warmer temperatures after the cold and dark winter. One part of the month of April that I am not always a fan of is the amount of rain we typically get. The old expression goes, "April showers bring May flowers". Here are a few interesting facts about rain that I learned recently.

Facts About Rain:

- Antarctica is the driest continent on earth
- According to NASA, raindrops are shaped more like hamburger buns than tear drops
- Rain actually has a smell (it is called Petrichor)
- Rain can worsen asthma
- Mawsynram in the Meghalaya State of India is the wettest place on earth (472 inches of rain annually)
- Not all raindrops are made of water; some raindrops are made of sulfuric acid and methane

Just as rain falls from the skies, it also sometimes falls in our lives as well. These "rainy days" may take the form of:

- The loss of a close friendship
- The loss of a family member
- Health problems
- Struggles to learn a new skill
- Everyday disappointments

I want to tell you that just as a rainy day eventually ends and the sun comes out, so do the "rainy days" in our lives. Remember to focus on taking one day at a time and always giving your best whether you feel like it or not. Lean on your friends, family, and teachers that care about you and can help support you through tough time. Also, keep your eyes open for others who are having a tough time and try to brighten their day. We are all in this thing called life together. I'm proud of each of you and for your contribution to the success of our school system and community!!!

