

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL—Dr. Bill Tithof

As we begin the last few months of the school year, I hope your child is happy and enjoying being in school learning and being with their friends. I hope, too, that you have noticed your child developing not only in academics, but socially as well.

One behavior we continue to remind our students about is bullying. Although students refer to this as “messaging with others” in fun, students are sometimes unaware of the hurt feelings this causes in others. Reminders and explanations of the hurtfulness these types of intimidating, and harassing comments or actions towards others can never be repeated too often. Kids are kids, but all students need reminders. Please take the time to talk to your children on the importance of treating all people with respect, both in words and in actions.



SPRING BREAK

Spring Break begins this month. Our Spring Break begins on Friday, March 25 through Sunday, April 3. Students return to school on Monday, April 4. Have a safe vacation!

MUGS OF LOVE



Student Council members enjoying the ride on the Party Bus!

The Student Council would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to **Ray Stack of Silver Sand Party Bus, Inc** for donating a bus for us to deliver our mugs of love. The students had a great time delivering the mugs and riding on the bus. We would also like to thank all of the families and staff that donated to the mugs of love project.

March, 2016

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 29—Family Reading Night @ 5:45-7 PM

March 1: NO SCHOOL

March 3—Kindergarten Information Night @5:30-7 PM

March 8—Presidential Primary Election

March 11—End of 2nd Trimester—1/2 Day of school.

Dismiss @ 12:07 PM

March 14—18—Book Fair all week.

March 14—School Board Mtg. at Wenona

March 16—Parent Conferences @ 3:30 to 6:30 PM

March 17—Parent Conferences @ 3:30 to 6:30 PM

March 22—5th graders visit Handy

March 22—College Wear Day

March 25-April 3—Spring Break—Students return on Monday, April 4

April 11—M-STEP testing begins for 5th grades

April 14—Science Night—Extreme Science Show @ 6 PM

END OF SECOND TRIMESTER—1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, March 11 is the end of the 2nd Trimester. This is also a **half day of school**. Students will eat lunch at 11:27 am and be **dismissed at 12:07 PM**. If you pick up your children at school, please make appropriate arrangements on this day.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION/REGISTRATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 3 at 5:30-7:00 PM is our Kindergarten Information Night. If you have a student who will be 5 years old by September 1, please try to attend to get information for next school year. You may stop at any time this night. It is not a program, but rather stations with different information that you rotate through at your own pace. If you know someone who has a child who will be in Kindergarten, please remind them of this night.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, March 1, is a District Staff Development day. There will be **no school on this day**.

CUB SCOUTS—PINE WOOD DERBY

Our Cub Scout pack had their Pinewood Derby last week. This was a great time for all! Any boy in the 2nd or 3rd grade can join the pack. If interested, please call the office.



BOOK FAIR

Our next Book Fair will be the week of March 14. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during the week. The Book Fair will be open during Parent Conferences on March 16 and 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM for parents to shop with their children, too.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, March 8, is Michigan's Presidential Primary Election. During this day, we will have extra Staff on hand to help manage the voting process. Along with extra staff, we will have an inside day during lunch for additional safety.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Our parent conferences are Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 17, from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Your child's teacher will schedule a time for you. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Report cards from the 2nd Trimester will be given out at this time.



SCHOOL STORE

Each Tuesday during the lunch hour, the store is open for students to purchase school supplies and healthy snacks. Prices range from .05 to \$1.50.

"March is Reading Month" Spirit Days

Our Reading Month theme is: *Reading Saves the Day*. As we celebrate March is Reading Month, we will have a Spirit Day each Friday! This means students can dress up based upon the theme!

The Spirit Days are as follows:

March 4: "Favorite Character Day"

Dress up as your favorite character.

March 11: "Wear Your Thinking Cap"

Wear a favorite cap/hat.

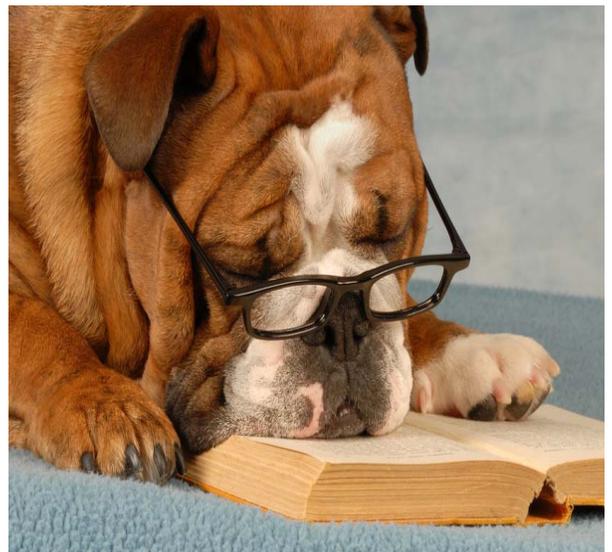
March 18: "Reading Jogs Your Mind"

Wear workout clothes

March 24: "Reading Saves the Day"

Dress as your favorite super hero.

Please put these dates on your calendar!!!



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/
PHONE/EMERGENCY FORMS**

It is very important that parents notify the school office of any changes in address, home, and work phone numbers, etc. When we have emergencies, it is important that we have the correct information to reach a parent as soon as possible.



If you have had any changes on your emergency/profile sheet, please let us know. Please call Ms. Rose at 894-2744 with any changes.



**ATTENDANCE
POLICY**

Our goal is to have all of our students in class, learning every day for the entire learning day, 8:14 am-3:17 pm. When it is necessary for a child to miss school for any reason, it is the parent's responsibility to call the school office at 894-2744 to excuse your child. If at all possible it is best for your child's education to schedule doctor and dentist appointments after school or during scheduled vacations.

The Learning Day

8:04—Universal Breakfast

8:14— Student's must be in classrooms ready to learn.

3:17—The end of the learning day.

**Spring Break
March 25-April 3
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**HOMEWORK
POLICY**

If your child is absent for a very short term, they can contact their teachers upon returning to school. For absences more than one day, parents may call the school and request assignments that may be worked on prior to the student returning. Please request your student's homework at least 24 hours in advance only if they will be out for more than one day.



Please complete the bottom portion and have your child return it to their teacher.

_____ Yes, I received and have read the March Newsletter.

Student _____ Parent (optional) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone #: _____

Any comments, concerns, suggestions, or congratulations are appreciated!

Thank you for your thoughts!