

One community  
 One school  
 One family

Mustangs  
 STRONG

## A note from the principal

HOW can it be March!??? Time really does fly the older you get! March is the month for reading...I have included a fun monthly challenge for this month. I encourage you to read with your child daily - out loud, with them, or next to them. It is a family bonding moment. Share your joy of reading! :) There is so much going on this month...our elementary school students will be celebrating National School Breakfast Week, Dr. Seuss' birthday and finishing up rigorous coursework to end the 2nd trimester strong. The Middle School students are doing the same and gearing up for spring sports - some of them for the first time! High Schoolers are getting ready for Prom (March 11th), coursework, spring sports, spring spirit week (March 6-10th), seniors are presenting their senior projects in preparation for graduation. Teachers are working hard to make and maintain student relationships, pouring over data to understand how to best address student needs, and create rigorous learning experiences. Are any of us perfect? Nope. But, we are working hard as a community, school, and family to get through the cold, snowy, slushy, dreary days of March! Sunshine is ahead...good times keep rolling. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's lives! It's the best time! Have a wonderful month! Know my door is open to you! ~ Dr. Hunt



# ATTENDANCE



### Facts

- Participation in early education programs, like preschool and Head Start, lead to better attendance in kindergarten.
- Starting in kindergarten, missing 10% of school (or just 2 days every month) can make it harder to learn to read and cause children to fall behind in school.
- Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, can help children do well in school, and eventually in the workplace and in college.

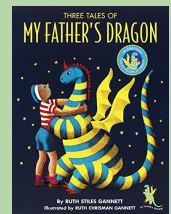
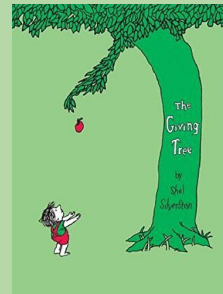
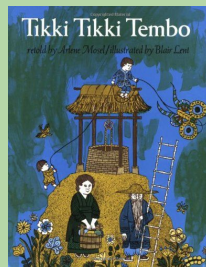
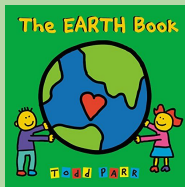


Advancing Student Success By Reducing Chronic Absence

## March is Reading Month! Are you up for the challenge?

1. Read a book with a GREEN cover (St. Patrick's Day! ha!).
2. Read about another country - or a book that is set in another country.
3. Read a book set in Ireland.
4. Read a book about friendship.
5. Read a book with dragons.

<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/march-reading-challenge-ideas/>



### Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12, 2023

Strategies and Suggestions to help make the transition easier!

- Start waking them up earlier - by 5-10 minutes each day until March 14th arrives!
- Put them to bed a few minutes earlier...dim the lights an hour before bedtime and limit electronics.
- Run them like rabbits! Keep them active and wear them out!
- Remember - we will spring forward 1 hour...start early to compensate! ;)



Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day

March 2nd

1:00 - 3:00

Grades K-12 will participate in Dr. Seuss inspired activities.

# REMINDERS

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March

Did you know?

March 1st - SAT testing for 11th and 12th grades.

March 2 - Read Across America Day!

**March 3 - Preschool Make up Day**

March 8-9 - Senior Presentations!

**The end of the 2nd Trimester is Friday, March 17th. It is a half day!**

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

**School Board Meeting - March 23rd @ 6pm.**

**Parent/Teacher/Student led conferences are March 24th.**

March 31st - Student 2nd Trimester Awards



If your child is sick - stay home!  
A fever is 100.4 degrees.

## Thanks a Bunch

Dear students, parents, and volunteers,

Thanks to you and all of your hard work K-4 basketball was a huge success. We had almost 50 students and approximately 20 volunteers show up for all four Saturdays in February!! It was such a fun experience for everyone. I can't wait to do it again next year!! I am thankful for each one of you and so proud of all of you!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Page

## Spring Sports

High School Baseball, Softball, and Track!  
Practices began February 27th.

## Junior High (grades 5-8) Spring Sports

A parent meeting will be held soon - time and date to be announced - watch your email for more information.

### Tentative schedule for March - High School Track

3/16	Thursday	VCS Jamboree: Valley Christian	3:30pm
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### Tentative schedule for March - High School Baseball and Softball

3/18	Saturday	Wellpinit	Home(SB?)	12:00
3/25	Saturday	Springdale	Away	12:00
3/28	Tuesday	Columbia	Home(BB only)	2:00