

# LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

Mrs. Schwalm and Ms. Silva

April, 2016

## Important Dates

### April

4/14—Birthday Bash

4/15—Daddy/Daughter Dance 6-8p

4/21—Jeans for \$1

4/26—Jeans for Cards

4/29—4th Midquarter

—Spring Fling 10-11:30 a.m.

### May

5/5—Spirit Day

5/6—Final Book Report Due

5/12—Birthday Bash

5/13—Muffins with Mom 7:15-8 a.m.

—Electronic Recycling Drive

5/16 - 5/20—Book Fair

5/18—Grandparent's Day Lunch

5/19—Jeans for \$1

5/26—Toledo Mud Hens Field Trip

5/30—**NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day

5/31—Jeans for Cards

## Springing Forward!

### What's Happening in Lake Michigan?

Our class will be attending a Toledo Mud Hens game on May 26th. This is one of four special "School Days" events at the stadium. There will be children from the surrounding areas there with us. We are looking forward to it!

### Class Books

Since we have so many students this year, we will be creating two separate books: a 3rd grade and a 4th grade book. There will be a flyer coming home soon with information about ordering our class book. This is not a fundraiser! We are creating and publishing the two books for our classroom library, and they will be for sale for anyone who would like to purchase them.

### DRESS CODE



With the nice weather finally upon us, we read over the handbook aloud with the students. Please do the same at home. Shorts are not allowed until May 1st. Dress shoes must remain closed-toe and heel. Skirts/skorts can be no shorter than 2" above the knee. Even on jeans days students must have shirts with sleeves.

### M-Step Testing

We will soon begin taking the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). The areas covered for this testing are Language Arts, Math, and Science. The 3rd graders in Michigan have the weeks of April 25—May 13 for their testing. The 4th graders will have the weeks of May 9—May 27 to complete their testing. We will be having the classes complete only 1 subject per week and breaking the tests up into 3 different days so they will not be overwhelmed. Please make sure your child is rested and eats a healthy breakfast.

### PARENT CORNER

It was great to see everyone at conferences! We appreciate your dedication to your student's education.



### Questions or Concerns?

Please stop in before or after school, call (734) 854-5437, or email [jschwalm@newbedfordacademy.com](mailto:jschwalm@newbedfordacademy.com) or [vsilva@newbedfordacademy.com](mailto:vsilva@newbedfordacademy.com)

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## What is Our Focus?



Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and GLCE topics that we will be focusing on in April.

### MATH

#### 3rd Grade:

-  Multi-digit multiplication
-  Division
-  Solving 2-step word problems
-  Fractions on number lines
-  Tell & write time, solve (+) & (-) problems using time, represent time on a # line
-  Units of measurement

#### 4th Grade:

-  Geometry—drawing and identifying 2 and 3-dimensional objects, perpendicular & parallel lines
-  Angles—Identifying angles, finding the missing angle

### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### 3rd Grade: Government






Positions of government, differences between state and local government, 3 branches of government, MI constitution & its purpose, citizen's rights, resolving conflicts in the state courts.

#### 4th Grade: -Making laws

- Parts of government
- Checks and balances

### LANGUAGE ARTS

We will be engaging in these activities monthly:

-  Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
-  Phonics
-  Grammar
-  sight words
-  speaking (book reports and other projects that they present)

### SCIENCE

3rd Grade: Our solar system

4th Grade: Health Science

(chemical substances and their affect on the body)