

LAKE MICHIGAN

Mrs. Schwalm & Ms. Silva

February, 2017

Important Dates

February

- 2/16—**Field Trip \$10 DUE**
Birthday Bash: February & August
- 2/17—3rd Mid-quarter
Re-enrollment Begins
Boxtops Contest ends
- 2/20—**NO SCHOOL** Presidents' Day
- 2/21—Field Trip: Imagination Station
P.T.T Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 2/24—Little Caesar's Fundraiser pick-up
- 2/27 - 3/3—Book Fair
- 2/28—Doughnuts with Dad 7:15 a.m.
Jeans for Cards

March

- 3/3—Reenrollment Forms Due
- 3/6 - 3/10—Right to Read Week
- 3/7—**Field Trip \$9 DUE**
- 3/9—Field Trip: Ritter Planetarium at UT
- 3/10—Spirit Day
"My Plate" Nutrition Presentation
- 3/13—Board Meeting 7:45 a.m.
- 3/14—Jeans for \$1
- 3/16—Birthday Bash
Open House (8-4 & 6-8)
- 3/17—**Book Report DUE**
- 3/22—Occupational Reader Day
- 3/23—End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/24—**NO SCHOOL** Record's Day
- 3/28—Jeans for Cards
- 3/29—**1/2 Day** (conferences)
**No Science Club*
- 3/30—**1/2 DAY**
- 3/31—Principal's Breakfast
- **Spring Break 4/14—4/21
- **Toledo Botanical Gardens
Nature Profiler Field Trip: 4/4 (\$9)

Health Education

Lake Michigan will be having a guest speaker from the Monroe County Health Department on Friday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. The information presented will be based on the Michigan Model and the USDA's My Plate programs. Students will learn about healthy food groups, portions and balancing healthy eating with physical activity in a fun and creative way. "Fast Food IQ" is one such activity in which students will compare menu items at popular fast food restaurants. There will be time for student Q and A afterward.



Parent Corner

FYI—Re-enrollment begins on February 17. Please fill out your packet for next year to ensure a spot for your child! We are so glad to have you here and hope to see you again next year. Also, please spread the word about our small-group philosophy and ability-based learning with your friends and neighbors. It is definitely a benefit to be at N.B.A.!

What's New?

YOUNG AUTHORS...YOUNG AUTHORS has been on our minds. We are approaching March, and "March is Reading Month." We have many exciting things planned. The students have started to write their personal young author stories. The completed stories will be on display during conferences (March 29-31). Right to Read Week is March 6-March 10. We will be having time set aside just for reading during this week. On Friday, there will be an hour set aside for reading in the morning. Students will be able to bring in a blanket and/or pillow so they can get comfy and read a good book. They may want to bring in multiple books because they will be required to be reading the entire time. We have book baskets in the classroom library that the students may choose from, but they may want to bring in books they are interested in. This is a great time to read their book report books!

Questions or Concerns?

Please stop in before or after school,
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LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

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What is Our Focus?

Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) topics taught in February.

MATH

3rd Grade:

- ✎ Multi-digit multiplication
- ✎ Division
- ✎ Fractions

4th Grade:

- ✎ Line Plots
- ✎ Fractions

SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd Grade: Michigan & the international economy

4th Grade: Michigan products

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: —Forces and Work

4th Grade: —Waves:

Waves and Information