



February 2024

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Student Hours:

M 7:40–12:55, T-TH 7:40–1:55

To report your child's absence:

Please call 740-4182 press 1 and leave a message.

Please join me in congratulating the following staff members as they represent our school this year!

Teacher of the Year

Ms. Karen Mears

IDA S. Baker Award

Ms. Nichelle Neal

Instructional Support Employee of the Year

Ms. Patricia Brufler

They are amazing examples of passionate educators who make a difference in the lives of students everyday.

This month we will be celebrating Black History Month. Students will be learning about famous African Americans who have made a difference in art, music, science, history and literature. Some of our classes will be conducting research projects while others will be working on biography reports. At the end of the month we have an African American Story-teller presenting to our students about the art of storytelling.

We will host Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, Feb.15th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. If you have or know an incoming kindergartner for the 2024-2025 school year we hope you will join us as we give a sneak peak into our kindergarten program.

“Hooked on Learning”

Ms. Rothenbush

Principal

Upcoming events

2/2
Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
Shark Shop 1 & 4

2/7
ELP

2/8
ELP

2/9
Shark Shop 2 & 3

2/14
ELP

2/15
Jump Rope for Heart
Kg Roundup 5:30-6:30 pm
Conference Night 3:05-8:05 pm

2/16
NO SCHOOL

2/21
ELP

2/22
ELP

2/23
Shark Shop K & 5

2/28
ELP

2/29
Spring Pictures
Terrific Kids Ceremony
ELP

Media News and National Elementary Honor Society News

February is a great time to fall in love with a new book. This month on display in the media center are books about the Chinese New Year, Groundhogs Day, Valentine's Day and famous African Americans. Encourage your student to check out a book topic/genre that they have never read before. Also, on display in the media center are student SLAM art projects. They have been busy reading and creating. If you are here on conference night, 2/15, stop by and check out all the 2D art on display. Students will visit the media center to vote on 2/14. If you are still working on a SLAM project at home, please have them turned in by 2/12 so they can be on display in time for voting. Winners of this contest will be announced on 2/19. Happy Reading!

Our NEHS February service project will be Love for Paws. Students will meet on 2/9 to learn about this exciting project. We are collecting gently used blankets and towels to be donated to the Humane Society from February 12th-15th. More information to come.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 S/S 1&4 Crossing Guard Appreciation Day	3
4	5	6	7 ELP	8 ELP	9 S/S 2&3	10
11	12 SAC 5:30 PTA 6:30 Gr.5 Banquet 6:00	13	14 ELP	15 Jump Rope for Heart KG Roundup 5:30-6:30 PM Conference Night 3:05- 8:05 pm	16 No School	17
18	19	20	21 ELP	22 ELP	23 S/S K & 5	24
25	26	27	28 ELP	29 Spring Pictures Terrific Kids ELP		

Upcoming Events

March 4- Non-Student Day

March 8—Field Day

March 11-15th- Spring Break

March 20- End of 3rd 9 weeks

March 29- Non-Student Day



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