



February

Upcoming

2/2- Groundhog Day

2/3 - STEM Shirt Day

2/7 - PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.

2/9 - Wendy's Night 5 – 8 p.m.

2/10 - STEM Shirt Day

2/10 - Early Release 1:20 p.m.

2/10 - YMCA Here at Lunch Recess

2/14 - Valentine's Day - Parties at School Today

2/15 - 2nd Grade Swim Lessons at YMCA

2/16 - End of Box Top Contest

2/17 - No School - End of 2nd Trimester

2/21 - February Birthday Lunch

2/22 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 6 p.m.

2/23 - Parent Teacher Conferences 8 - 8 p.m.

2/24 - No School

2/28 - Jean Day

2/28 - Spring Picture Day

Principal's News

Discover

Valentines is approaching fast. If you plan on helping with your child's classroom party get with their teacher and room parent on the time they would like you to be here. I would also like to take this time to let parents know that every month we set a day to celebrate birthdays for that month. We invite you to come and share the birthday luncheon, but ask that you not bring any treats. We provide them with special treat. Lastly I would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who helped out with the book fair. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Jean Day

Our next jean day will be on Feb 28th. If you plan on wearing blue jeans make sure you have an appropriate shirt. Otherwise, you may wear school uniform.

Wendy's Night

February 9th is our next Wendy's night. Our school gets 10% of all sales earned from 5-8pm. So take a night off from cooking enjoy good food and help your school. Thank you for all your support.

Hutchinson STEM Magnet Book Fair

The last day for the book fair is February 2nd from 8am-4pm. Parents are welcome to attend with your child. Classes will also have set times during the day to attend as well. Thank you to all the volunteers for your help in making this book fair run smoothly.

Parent Field Trip Training

If you are planning on going on any field trip with a group of students, you must be cleared through training and background screenings. There are only **2 training dates remaining** they are **February 7th at 5:30pm and March 2nd at 9:30am**. Both sessions will be held at the Ad center. These screenings can take up to six weeks to get back.

Counselor's Corner

Sarah Rodriguez



Each year, 'Random Acts of Kindness Week' is the second full week of February. At Allen we will be celebrating this idea for the entire month of February. Be on the lookout for special theme days during the week of February 12th - 18th. Fun!

Here are some ideas on helping children to

Choose to Behave:

Planning ahead, giving choices, offering alternatives—all are gentle ways to help your youngster behave well.

Give notice: Children can take longer than adults to switch gears. If you ask your youngster to get ready to go while she's in the middle of a game, she may struggle. When possible, let her know in advance what's going to happen ("You can play for five more minutes, and then it's time to go").

Idea: Develop a special signal (tap your finger on your wrist, tug on your ear) to use when you're short on time.



Provide choices: Letting your child make her own decisions can motivate her to follow the rules. Plus, making choices will give her a sense of control over herself as well as practice in decision-making. For example, you can say, "You have to stay with me in the mall. Would you like to walk beside the stroller or help me push it?"

Suggest solutions: When your youngster is bored or wants attention, she's more likely to misbehave. If she needs to burn off energy after school, for example, help her brainstorm a list of ways to stay active (play outside, dance to music). Or if she tends to argue with siblings while you cook, have her help you make dinner or just keep you company in the kitchen.



Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on the 22nd from 4:00-6:00 and the 23rd from 8:00-8:00. Students will not be in class on the 23rd or 24th. Please be on the lookout for a conference schedule to be coming home very soon.

AHCHOO!

Note from the Nurse



Kansas Influenza Cases Are Widespread
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>

Too Sick for School?

When should your child stay home from school? You don't want your child to miss school; but neither do you want to send a sick child to school and endanger him or her and other children as well. Here are a few guidelines you might wish to follow:

If your child is ill and has a fever of 99.7 or above, they must stay home for 24 hours after the fever breaks - **WITHOUT FEVER REDUCING MEDICATION** - this means that if they don't have a fever, but they have had Acetaminophen (Tylenol) in the last 4-6 hours, or Motrin/Advil (Ibuprofen) in the last 6-8 hours, they are **NOT** considered to be fever free. Remember, many of the over-the-counter cough and cold medicines contain Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen them - be sure to read the labels.

If your child vomits - even if you think they ate something, or they were jumping around too much - they must stay home for 24 hours after the last vomiting episode. If your child is not running a fever or vomiting, but they are feeling poorly and listless, having difficulty with runny nose, sneezing & coughing uncontrollably or otherwise just not right, think hard before you send them in to school. Would you want your child sitting next to someone feeling like your child? Would you want to try and concentrate all day if you felt that way?

Good hand washing and covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing are the most effective and simple ways to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses. As always, call the school and report contagious illnesses to the nurse/office.

For a complete reference of conditions for exclusion from school please visit the USD 308 web page tab-parent resources/health forms
<http://www.usd308.com/ParentResources/Pages/Health-Forms.aspx>



Valentine's Day Parties

Parties will take place on Tuesday, February 14th at the end of the day starting around 2:40 p.m. Some grades may schedule their parties earlier so they don't miss music or P.E. Please check with your teachers about start times. If you would like to send items for the party or help, please contact the school office.



PTA Happenings for February

- 2/7- Uniform Shop open 5:15-5:45, PTA Meeting @ 6pm
- 2/10- Uniform Shop will be open 7:40am-8:00am
- 2/14- Classroom Valentine Parties and Box Tops due
- 2/23- PTA provides staff meal for Parent teacher conferences

On behalf of the PTA we would like to thank all families and volunteers who supported our school at Gambino's night in January. We made over \$500! We appreciate the generosity and hope to see everyone at our next Gambino's night in March.