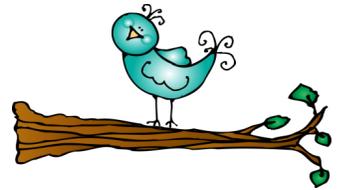




# March STEAM Update



## Principal's Corner

As a little kid I loved the idea of being lucky. The idea that leprechauns and pots of gold were real, and if I could only get to the end of the rainbow, all of my dreams would come true!

As a mom, I spent countless hours helping my children make leprechaun traps, testing out various leprechaun baits, and reassuring disappointed children, that perhaps we would catch a leprechaun next time. Each Saint Patrick's eve would find me painting small footprints throughout my house, sprinkling gold glitter on counter tops, and depositing chocolate gold coins in shoes and bathroom drawers. Seeing the look of wonder and excitement on my children's faces made it all worth while!

One year, our dog buster, who had a sweet tooth for milk chocolate, silently watched where I hid the candy. After I went to sleep that night, he got up, found and ate the candy coins, only leaving gold foil remnants scattered throughout the house. Somehow that dog had also gotten himself into the paint, and mysteriously had leprechaun footprints down his back, on his face and pretty much everywhere!

That year, my children believed that the leprechauns had been very naughty, and had eaten the candy themselves! They had visions of leprechauns riding the dog, like a horse, creating chaos and mayhem, while we all slept upstairs.

As you begin your hunt for four leaf clovers this month, I encourage you to find the magic in the everyday world around you. Pointing out the beauty of the cherry blossoms, the phenomena of the rain puddles, and the wonder in the eyes of your children.

Happy March and Happy St Patrick's Day!

*Mrs. Pearlman*



Buster the chocolate loving Dalmatian!



Nicholas in kindergarten and his leprechaun trap.



May your pockets  
**BE HEAVY**  
—\*— and your  
**HEART**  
be LIGHT.  
May good luck  
**PURSUE YOU**  
each morning and  
night.

Old Irish Blessing

## Important Dates to Remember:

- March 2— Dr. Seuss Day
- March 6— Pride Assemblies K-3 9:00 AM  
4-8 10:00AM
- March 9-Student council papers available in office.
- March 9-SEE's Candy Flyer's go home
- March 12— Spring Picture Day
- March 13— 8th Grade Graduation packets due
- March 16 and 17— No School
- March 17— Saint Patrick's Day
- March 26— LCAP Meeting— 3:15
- March 27— Mother/Son Event
- March 30— SEE's Candy Delivery
- April 8-State Science Test for 5/8th grades



Student council is off to a great start this year, with a successful school spirit week behind them and school spirit activities to come! Thank you to our staff and parent volunteers for making them successful.

Student council is a group of students who are interested in bringing our school community together, with a focus on community service and school spirit.

If your child (4-8th grade) is interested in being on the student council please encourage them to run for an office for the next school year.

Applications are available in the office on March 9th and are due by March 22nd.

We hope you will decide to join this awesome group of kids, and give back to your school!

## Mother /Son Event

The PTO is hosting an event on March 27th. We hope you will join us for an evening of Denim and Diamonds! Tickets are on sale for \$25.00, and a pizza dinner will be served.



## Lost and Found

Please stop by and check the lost and found, as we will be sending all unclaimed items to the Goodwill during Spring Break.



# Calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year

**Please Note New Dismissal Times for Next School Year!**

August 2020 Character Trait-Trustworthiness							September 2020 Character Trait- Respect							October 2020 Character Trait- Responsibility							November 2020 Character Trait- Fairness							December 2020 Character Trait- Caring						
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  School  
   No School  
   Minimum Day  
   Teacher Work Days/No School  
   Conferences-12:15  
   First / Last Day  
   Progress Reports

Updated 01/30/2020

Calendar subject to change.

**Regular Day- TK/K/1 -8 AM-2:30 PM**  
**2nd -8th - 8AM-2:50 PM**  
**Minimum Days**  
**TK/K- 8AM-12:00 PM**  
**1st-8th – 8AM – 12:15 PM**

## CHARACTER COUNTS

Pillar of the Month  
**Perseverance**

TRUSTWORTHINESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

FAIRNESS

CARING

CITIZENSHIP

Perseverance is not giving up, having the tenacity to hold on in following a course of action. It is a belief or a purpose; steadfastness.

### Wishes and Thank You's

Thank you so much to Mr. Avtar Singh for his generous donation this month to the school of slightly damaged, new boxes of Kleenex and surgical gloves. Your generosity has saved us a considerable amount of money in supplies. Thank you so much!

We are very fortunate at our school to have such generous parents. We know that some of you may also have unwanted items in your garage that the school might be able to use! We are looking for:

- A standard sized helium tank- We know that helium is scarce in CA right now, but we are looking for a tank (empty is ok) so that when helium becomes available, we'll be ready!

Thank you for always keeping us in mind for your donations!



### See's Candy Fundraiser

Get ready for Chocolate! The school is starting a See's Candy fundraiser for Spring time! We started selling candy in the first week of March, and all forms are due by March 18th. Candy will be delivered before Spring Break. Please help the PTO raise funds for our school programs!



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

TK- If your child is turning 5 between Sept.2 and December 2, then they are eligible for TK.  
 K- Your child will turn 5 before Sept. 1

Packets are available in the Office  
 Please fill out the interest list on line.  
 Please call the school office if you have any questions.



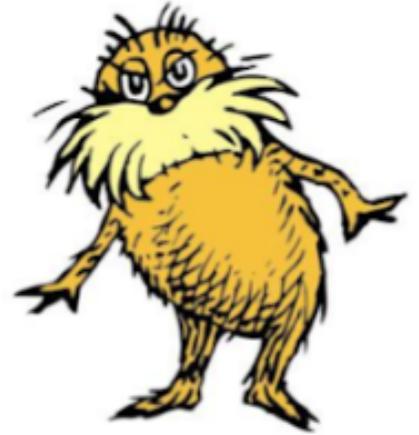
# DRESS UP WEEK

Read Across America

## MONDAY

March 2

Dress up as your favorite  
Dr. Seuss Character!



## TUESDAY

March 3

Crazy Outerwear Day!  
Must be school appropriate.



## WEDNESDAY

Crazy Hair Day!  
Must wear uniform

## THURSDAY

March 5

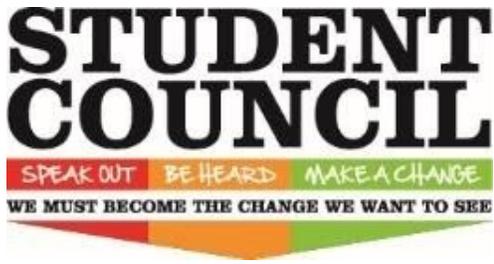
Free Dress Day!  
Must be school appropriate.



## FRIDAY

March 6

Pajama Day!  
Must be school appropriate.



## Time Line

March 8- Papers go home regarding Student Council Elections

- Read descriptions of all offices, and select which one you want to run for.
- There are ten available positions.
- Classroom representatives will be chosen in the fall.

March 11-22 Students fill out papers, and ask for teacher recommendations

March 22 Turn in papers with signatures and answers to the school office

March 27- Show Ms. Withers your candidate speech

April 1st- April 24th Campaigning

- Signs are allowed no larger than 3ft x 3ft
- Signs can only be put up on the walls outside using blue tape.
- Inside signs may be taped to the cafeteria walls. Please use blue tape.
- Small candy incentives are okay- nothing larger than snack size
- All signs must be removed by Thursday after school.

April 25th- Class Presentations

- Students running for ASB positions will address all classes 3rd-7<sup>th</sup>
- Students running for class positions will only address their grade level.

April 25th- Afternoon

- Voting

April 28th- Results announced

May 5th All Day CADA training in Modesto for newly elected members. We will need a few parent drivers.

## Available Positions

### ASB:

- Student Body President (Only current 7<sup>th</sup> graders are able to run for this position)

As ASB president it is your duty to oversee the class as well as lead the executive board. You shall run/hold all Tuesday and Thursday meetings with professionalism and efficiency. The president should know everything that goes on in class, and should be able to report to staff and students what is going on at any given time. Aside from running the class, as president you must be an active member in the class and have to be willing to take up any job that others don't want to do. You are the face of ASB.

### Student Body Vice-President

As ASB Vice President your job is to be the backbone of ASB and especially for your ASB president. You must come every day and must be ready to take over presidential duties when the president is not available.

### Student Body Treasurer

The treasurer plays a significant role on campus. When requests for money are submitted for any reason, the treasurer approves the request on behalf of ASB and allows the money to be obtained.

## Student Body Secretary

The ASB secretary is expected to take notes during official meetings. He/she is also expected to take attendance during these weekly meetings.

## Student Body Historian

The student body historian is responsible for taking photos of all events for student council, as well as being a liaison with the yearbook committee. The school has a camera that can be used. Being good with a camera and a computer is a plus.

## Speaker of the House

You must also keep time during ASB meetings and must lead the class in the pledge of allegiance during meetings.

### **Grade Level Positions:**

The class president is to represent and lead their grade level. You are the key communication between student council and your grade level. You will coordinate with the classroom representatives, to make sure that all voices are heard and represented.

- President of the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- President of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- President of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class
- President of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class



As a parent, you may be wondering about what to know (or do) in the face of a virus that, while not as common and life-threatening as flu, affects everyone including children, with no signs of disappearing anytime soon and with no vaccines to stop it from spreading. Fear not, here are tips from the Harvard Health Blog that are guaranteed to prevent you and your family from falling ill to coronavirus:

1. Make sure that everyone in your home does regular hand washing, a time-tested way of preventing the spread of viruses and infections. Using soap and water and washing for 20 seconds (Hint: sing the alphabet song while washing) should cut it. If there is no sink available, then a hand sanitizer will do: spread it well, then get it all over the hands including between the fingers. Wash before meals and snacks, both after being in a public place such as a park or hospital and after being with anyone who is or might be sick.
2. Teach your children not to touch sensitive areas like their mouths, eyes or noses unless they have clean hands. Carry tissues for wiping your kids' mouths and noses, then promptly throw them away after use.
3. Encourage healthy habits such as exercise, a healthy diet and getting enough sleep at night, all of which help keep your child's immune system strong.
4. Make sure that your child has received or taken a flu vaccine. Influenza, or flu in short, is both far more common and also very dangerous.
5. Teach your children to be careful about the surfaces they touch when you are out in public. It requires you to be extra creative since little hands seem to instinctively reach for anything around them. Either bring something for your kids to hold, or simply hold hands with them. Alternatively, have them wear gloves especially if you are living in an area with a cool/cold climate, in which case you have to bring extra gloves so you can wash the worn one/s when you arrive home. It also helps to carry at least some wipes for you to wipe down seats, tables and other useful items in public areas before using them.