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The Dolsen Discovery

S O U T H L Y O N C O M M U N I T Y S C H O O L S

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M A R C H I S R E A D I N G M O N T H !



In honor of March is Reading Month, Dolsen is participating in different activities throughout the month to celebrate our love of reading. To start the month out—classes are decorating their classroom doors showcasing the classes favorite book or author. Below you will also find important events that will occur during March.

Thursday, March 3rd- Students enjoyed presentations by local author Maria Dismondy. Her web site is mariadismondy.com. If your student was fired up about her books—they can be purchased on Amazon.

Friday, March 10th- Students dress like Dr. Seuss in honor of his birthday (3/2).

Wednesday, March 15th- Come to school dressed in a wacky way in honor of Dr. Seuss' book, *Wacky Wednesday*.

Friday, March 24th- Teachers will participate in a “teacher swap” and read to a different classroom. Ask your child which teacher “swapped” with his/her class and what book they read.

Thursday, March 30th- School PJ Day & “Read-In!” Come to school in your PJs and enjoy a read-in with your class! We will participate in a school-wide read-in for 20 minutes. Bring your favorite book to read.

An announcement will be made to start the read-in at 3:15 p.m.

Also on this day, our Helping Hands Club will wrap up their book-raiser for “at-risk” youth. A donation box is in the office. We hope you enjoy all of our “March Is Reading Month” activities! Ask your child about them throughout this month.



IMPORTANT **DATES**

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| <u>Wed. Mar 8th</u> | 1/2 days for students | 11:51 a.m. | Dismissal |
| <u>Thu. Mar 9th</u> | SIP Meeting | 8:00 a.m. | Conference Room |
| <u>Wed. Mar 15th</u> | 5th Grade Camp Parent Meeting | 4:30 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Fri. Mar 17th</u> | Habits Of Mind Student Lunch with the Principal | | Cafeteria |
| <u>Week of Mar 20th</u> | Vision Screen for Gr 1-3-5 Gr K-2-4 can be screened with parental request | | |
| <u>Wed. Mar 22nd</u> | PTO Meeting | 4:15 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Thu. Mar 23rd</u> | 3rd Grade Concert | 6:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Thu. Mar 23rd</u> | 5th Grade Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Mon. Mar 27th</u> | Spring Picture Day | | |
| <u>Week of Apr 3rd</u> | Spring Break - No School | | |
| <u>Mon. Apr 10th</u> | School Resumes | | |
| <u>Fri. Apr 14th</u> | Good Friday - No School | | |
| <u>Wed. Apr 19th</u> | PTO Meeting | 4:15 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Thu. Apr 20th</u> | SIP Meeting | 8:00 a.m. | Conference Room |
| <u>Thu. Apr 20th</u> | 2nd Grade Concert | 6:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Thu. Apr 20th</u> | 4th Grade Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Thu. Apr 27th</u> | Kindergarten Concert | 6:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Thu. Apr 28th</u> | 1st Grade Concert | 7:00 p.m. | Gym |
| <u>Thu. May 11th</u> | SIP Meeting | 8:00 a.m. | Conference Room |
| <u>Tue. May 16-19th</u> | 5th Grade Camp | | Camp Copneconic |
| <u>Wed. May 17th</u> | Incoming K Meet and Greet | 4:30 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Thu. May 18th</u> | Incoming K Meet and Greet | 4:30 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Fri. May 19th</u> | Habits Of Mind Student Lunch with the Principal | | Cafeteria |
| <u>Week of May 22nd</u> | Scholastic Book Fair | Library Times | Media Center |
| <u>Wed. May 24th</u> | PTO Meeting | 4:15 p.m. | Media Center |
| <u>Mon. May 29th</u> | Memorial Day - No School | | |
| <u>Tue. May 30th</u> | 5th Grade Track Meet | school day | SLEHS |
| <u>Wed. May 31st</u> | Rain Day 5th Grade Track Meet | school day | SLEHS |
| <u>Wed. Jun 14-16</u> | 1/2 day of school for students | 11:51 a.m. | Dismissal |

School of Choice

Please note: School of Choice forms were sent home with students on Feb 24, 2017. They are due back by **Friday, March 31, 2017 ONLY** if you wish to attend a school other than your boundary school.

Otherwise, these forms do not need to be completed or returned. **4th Grade** students that are being redistricted to Pearson Elementary are allowed to “grandfather” and remain at Dolsen for their 5th grade year by filling out the pink form that was sent home to their families on Feb 24, 2017. School Of Choice families will need to provide their own transportation to and from school.

Enrollment

We are working on enrollment numbers for next year. If you know you are moving (either out of the district or to another South Lyon School), please call, email, or send a note to the office. This helps us to work with accurate numbers of students as we determine class sizes. Many parents also put School Of Choice paperwork into Dolsen for next year. If you will be attending your boundary school instead, make sure to let us or your boundary school know. Again this ensures accurate enrollment numbers at all schools. Thank you.

Playground

Our playground is pretty muddy all spring due to the amount of traffic during recesses. Please be sure your children are prepared as we do go outside most every day. You might want to send boots and spare clothes to change into if they tend to get wet while outside.

5th Grade Parents

We are hosting an informative 5th Grade Camp parent meeting on **Wed, March 15th at 4:30 p.m.** in the library. A representative from Camp Copneconic will attend this meeting. Bring all of your questions to this meeting.

Thank you for all your donations
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Thank-you for all your donations for our Jump Rope for Heart campaign! We raised just over \$15,870 for the American Heart Association! Students learned about the importance of not only “taking care of ourselves” by learning tips for eating right and exercise as a lifestyle, but also “taking care of others” through service projects like raising money for the American Heart Association.

Thank You Volunteers!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers for all their help throughout the year. We wouldn't have such a great school without you!! Each time you sign in, please partake of the gift basket with monthly themes that is kept on the office counter.

Helping Hands Book-Raiser

The Helping Hands Club is sponsoring a book-raiser for March is Reading. We are asking students to bring a new picture book (hardcover or softcover) appropriate for a preschool age child. The book does not need to be expensive. We encourage you to shop together and let your student pick out the book. Books will then be donated to "at risk" youth in our own community, as well as through the Safehouse Center in Ann Arbor. A donation box is located in the office. Books will be collected until **March 31st**.

Girls on the Run

The Girls on the Run after school program for girls in grades 3-5 will begin **Tuesday, March 15th**. Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from **4:00 until 5:15**. If your daughter signed up, please make sure they are dressed for the weather! We will run outdoors if at all possible!

Report Cards

Report cards go home with all students on Thursday, April 13th. Since we only hold Fall Parent-Teacher Conference, teachers are including written comments with the report card. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss your child's progress further.

Lost & Found

Don't forget to check the lost and found, located outside the cafeteria serving area for missing apparel and other school items. We will be donating all unclaimed items soon.

5th Grade Parents

Mark your calendars for these important events:
Wed., Mar 15th: Camp Parent Meeting-4:30-Media Center
Tues., May 16th-19th: 5th Grade Camp
Wed., May 30th: 5th Grade Track Meet SLEHS (rain date: Tues., May 31st)
Thurs., June 16th: Last Day of School-5th Grade Breakfast & Clap-Out