

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we have another long weekend. I think everyone is looking forward to celebrating President's Day on Monday!

Thank you to all of you who have had a chance to complete the Perception survey. If you haven't had a chance yet, here is the link. [Perception Survey 2023-24](#).

We will begin our new IB unit, "Communities develop and change over time." Next week, the children will be learning about and becoming anthropologists and choosing different Native tribes of North America they'd like to inquire about. Any children absent will be assigned a tribe so they can continue even from a distance or when they return.

Our field trip is two weeks from today. We are excited to go to the Burke Museum. Thank you for turning in your field trip forms. We are still looking for a few more. Please get them in as soon as possible. If you had already paid for all the field trips in the fall and sent in money for this field trip, we have sent it back with your child. You should look in their backpack.

With the school-wide spelling bee on Thursday, Feb. 22, and no school on Monday, Feb. 19th, we will not be having spelling or grammar homework next week. We will be focusing our ELA time on nonfiction reading skills and writing persuasive speeches.

We wrote persuasive speeches about kindness this week in writer's workshop. Students will be sharing these in their portfolios. This was our practice speech, and now we will begin writing our speeches about being caretakers of the earth. Students will use their research to write a persuasive speech. They will write a brave, bold claim and give reasons, examples, and facts to support their claim. Students will be presenting them at a later date.

In art, we have been learning about color theory. The children have learned about primary colors and how to blend two primary colors to create secondary colors. They showed their knowledge as they created Color Bursts using only the primary color crayons (red, yellow, and blue) but bursting them out to include overlaps showing the secondary colors (green, purple, and orange). Next, we used those same colors to see the effect of using warm (red, yellow, and orange) and cool (green, blue, and purple) colors in a Valentine's art project. Our next project will be looking at complementary colors.

2/19 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

2/22 - Spelling Bee in the Auditorium.

2/23 - Non-uniform Day

3/8 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service

3/14-16 - MYP Winter Musical - The Sound of Music Jr. - stay tuned!

3/24 - Palm Sunday

3/28 - Holy Thursday

3/29 - Good Friday (Early (silent) Dismissal~12:00 pm

3/29 - Holy Saturday

3/30 - Easter Sunday

4/1 - 4/5 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

Enjoy the long weekend,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan