

# March Newsletter

## La Conner Elementary 2019-2020

### QUOTE

*"I believe luck is preparation meeting opportunity. If you hadn't been prepared when the opportunity came along, you wouldn't have been lucky."*

-Oprah Winfrey

### THE MARCH CALENDAR IS MADNESS!

March brings us daffodils and warmer days. It also brings us to the end of the second trimester! But before we think about report cards and conferences, we're celebrating Dr. Seuss this week, March 2-4, in honor of his birthday. Dr. Seuss' books will be



highlighted this week all through the school, and kids are encouraged to dress up in silly hats (Monday), crazy socks (Tuesday), and wacky outfits (Wednesday), in connection with some of his favorite books.

The remainder of this week, **March 5-6**, is our Mid-Winter Break! It's not exactly mid-winter anymore, but go enjoy a four-day weekend anyway, before the craziness of Spring really sets in.

What do I mean by that? Well, our calendar is pretty wonky this month. The end of Trimester 2 is on **March 13**, which is a half-day for students. School will dismiss at 11:35 AM. Spring Conferences are the following week, **March 18-20**.

These are also half-days for students, with an 11:35 AM dismissal. Teachers will be in touch soon to schedule your student's conference, where report cards will be handed out. In the following week, Monday, **March 23**, is a work day for teachers without kids, so no school that day. And then it's just one full week of school before Spring Break, **April 6-10**.



Whew! See what I mean?

### Dates to Remember

March 5-6 – Mid-Winter Break  
March 13, 18-20 – Early Release @ 11:35 AM, Parent-Teacher Conferences  
March 23 – No school - Teacher Professional Development

### ATTENTION: ATTENDANCE!



Going to school regularly matters for your child. Whether an absence or tardy is excused or unexcused, the impact on learning is the same. Did you know that missing just two days of school a month has been shown to put students at a disadvantage? Chronic tardiness and absences create gaps in student learning which impact the whole classroom. While we want students to get the rest they need when they're sick, we also want them at school on time whenever they're not. Prompt and consistent attendance at school is our goal for every child.

### BASEBALL SAVED US



On **March 9th**, the Fifth Avenue Theater's touring company for schools will be bringing a production of the award winning book, *Baseball Saved Us*, by Ken Mochizuki, to La Conner Elementary. This opportunity is due to the efforts of our librarian Beth Clothier, who is reading and discussing the book with each class. Set in a Japanese internment camp in the 1940's, the story teaches about resilience and perseverance, in a kid-friendly way. It also provides exposure to American history and the magic of musical theater, right here at school! We're looking forward to an educational and entertaining morning.

### LCE SPELLING BEE

We will be hosting our own spelling bee this year on Friday, **March 27**, at 1:00 PM. This year, the Skagit Valley Herald is not sponsoring the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which means we were not able to enroll. Not to be discouraged, we decided to hold a spelling bee of our own for students in grades 3-5. Parents are welcome to attend, and practice at home is encouraged.