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MARCH

THINK Academy News

From the Principal...

Hello THINK Families,

Welcome to March!! As much as I would like to think that winter is completely over, I am sure Mother Nature will have a couple of surprises for us yet. At this point in time we will not need to make up any of the snow/ice time that we have missed so far. However, should we have another snow/ice day from this point forward, we will need to make some adjustments in our school calendar in order to meet our required student contact time with kids. So stay tuned for any announcements if we do have to cancel school one more time this spring.

I am happy to announce that after an involved interview process, Amy Fuller has been named the new school secretary for THINK Academy from this point forward. Currently, she has been serving as a long term substitute in this position since Mary Marzofka left in mid October. The staff of THINK Academy is excited for Amy and we all look forward to working with her for years to come.

There has been a small tweak in the scheduling for next year. At this point, here is what I know about how THINK Academy will be scheduled. This can change in the future, but this is what I know for now. We will have 2 kindergarten classes. Anna Kasukonis and MariJo Zieroth will be the teachers. We will have 2 first grade classes with Jennifer Smihal and Hilary Schneeberg teaching first grade. We will have 1.5 second grade classes. Megan Kuntz and Teri Thomas will split the class in the morning and all the students will attend class with Megan in the afternoon. We will have 2 third grade classes with Krystal Coleman and Ruth Holtz being the third grade teachers. Finally we will have 3 classes where 4th and 5th grade students will rotate through for their instruction. These **will not** be multi age classes; however, each day will begin with a multi age 4/5th grade homeroom and Words Their Way study for about 45 minutes. Then students will rotate among the 3 teachers. Two of the teachers for 4th and 5th grade have been determined - they are Rochelle Grossbier and Amanda Scherbath. The 3rd teacher has not yet been determined. More information on the schedule for 4th and 5th grade will be forthcoming as soon as I have ironed out more of the details. Class sizes will be an average of 16 -18 for grades 5K through 2nd grade and an average of 16 - 20 for grades 3 - 5. So, class sizes will go down at this point due to the merging of the two schools. This is a positive outcome.

In other news, students will be kicking off the "Lil Rafters Reading Challenge" on Wednesday, March 7th. Please look for information to come home with the kiddos on Wednesday. Students will be able to earn two tickets to a Rafters' baseball game on THINK Academy Night on Friday, June 1, 2018.












Once again, we have many activities scheduled throughout the month of March. Please look over those activities as they are listed further in this newsletter. Also know that our PTS has extended an invitation to the VCA families to attend our PTS events for the rest of the school year. The VCA PTO will cover the costs for their students. Having the students attend together is another way to help create a smooth transition as we become one elementary school next school year.

Don't forget that we have Spring Break scheduled for the week of March 26th. No one will be in the office that week either.

Thank you for the continued open conversations and communications between home and school. I know that the staff and I appreciate all the support we can get from home as we work together to help each of our students find success in school and in life.

Take Care!
Roxanne

MARCH Dates To Remember...

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Sock Hop	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7 Lil Rafters Reading Kickoff  	8	9	10 Movie Morn- ing 10 am 
11 	12 Scrapbooking Gr. 3-5  4:00-5:30pm	13 PTS Meeting 5:30 Library	14	15  Girl Scouts <u>3:45-5:30pm</u> B-day Lunch 	16 Dress in Green for St. Pat- rick's Day	17 
18	19 Scrap Gr. K-2 4:00-5:00pm 	20 Spring Fund- raisers Start	21	22	23	24
25 	26 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	27 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	28 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	29 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	30 SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	31 

Happy March Birthdays to...



This month, the March Birthday lunch with Mrs. Filtz is scheduled for March 15th.

Happy March Birthdays to the following: Wyatt Fuller, Cade Fuller, Mrs. Briggs, Hobsen Hartjes, Mason Worlund, Jaxon Kelnhofer, Elsie Stanton, Kaylee Dvoran, Taylor Fuller, Naomi Nieman, David Long and Allizon Feih.

March Dates to Remember...

March 1 - Sock Hop, 3:45—5:00 pm

March 2 - Record Keeping/Professional Development - **NO SCHOOL**

March 7 - Lil Rafter Reading Kickoff

March 10 - Movie Morning @ 10:00 am (A Wrinkle in Time @ Roger's Cinema)

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time - Set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

March 12 - Scrapbooking, Grades 3-5, 3:45-5:30 pm

March 13 - PTS Meeting, 5:30 pm, THINK Library

March 15 - March Birthday Lunch w/Mrs. Filtz

March 15 - Girl Scouts 3:45-5:30 pm

March 16 - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green!!

March 19 - Scrapbooking, Grades K-2, 3:45-5:30 pm

March 20 -April 4 - Spring Fundraisers (Mixed Bag & Portesi Pizza)

March 26-30 -Spring Break, **NO SCHOOL**



Don't forget to register for
Summer School!
March 1st—20th

Outdoor Sign

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who were involved in getting our new outdoor school sign up and running! It looks great and will be super helpful in communicating with THINK families as well as the community.

Thank you to THINK PTS, ECON Electric/Greg Hartjes for donating the electrical work and supplies, and Lars Larsen for selling our old sign and letters to put toward the new sign.



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APRIL TESTING

The Forward Exam will be starting in April for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students will be practicing throughout the month of March. Please help your kiddos prepare by assuring good rest and a healthy breakfast on upcoming test weeks. Dates and times of testing will be sent home this month.