



# MASON CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## March 2023 Office Newsletter



### “Chill Out With A Good Book!!”

March is National Reading Month. This year’s theme will be – “Chill Out with a Good Book!” in honor of Michigan Chillers author Johnathan Rand visiting our school. Students reaching their Reading Month Goal will be rewarded! Students in grades 3-5 will be invited to a lock-in and students in grades K-2 will be invited to an ice cream sundae party. All students reaching their AR goal will have their name placed in a raffle to win a Michigan Chillers autographed book. AR Point count dates will run **March 1<sup>st</sup>- March 24<sup>th</sup>**. The following goals have been set for each grade level: **Kindergarten** – Read 31 books with a parent/Log Required, **1<sup>ST</sup> Grade** – 3 AR Points, **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – 10 AR Points, **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – 12 AR Points, **4<sup>th</sup> Grade** -14 AR Points, **5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – 15 AR Points.

### Reading Month Spirit Days

To celebrate National Reading Month we will be having spirit days. **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dr. Seuss Day  
**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Rainbow Colors Day **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Favorite Book Character Day  
**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Wacky Day (St. Patrick’s Day) **Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** – Pajama Day

### Literacy Night

Literacy Night will be **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 PM**. We are excited to welcome author, Johnathan Rand, author of the popular Michigan Chiller Series as our guest speaker for the night. We encourage all families to attend this fun event.

### Young Authors

Young Author stories, for those students who requested a book, are due NO later than **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** in order to be judged. ALL stories will be on display and grade level winners will be honored at Literacy Night.



**Encourage your child(ren) to read, read, read!**



### End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester. Report Cards will be coming home **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign and return the report card envelope to your child’s teacher.

### Early Dismissal – 11:40 a.m.

There will be an early dismissal on **Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

### Spring Break

Spring break begins on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, and classes resume on **Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There is also **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** in observation of Good Friday.

### Spring Pictures

Spring pictures are scheduled for **Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. See attached flier for more information.

### Spring Forward



“Spring Forward, you must, or too early to school you will be!” – Yoda  
Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Set your clocks forward 1 hour before bed on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Young 5's and Kindergarten Round-Up – IMPORTANT – SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Mason Central Elementary School.**

Students must be the age of 5 years by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to attend kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. Please bring your future kindergartner along with the following forms to register: birth certificate, immunization records, 2 proofs of residency, driver's license **with current in district address**, and custody papers (if applicable).

**GSRP/Pre-School Round-Up – SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Mason Central Elementary School.** More info to follow.

**Race 4 the Kids**

**The race will be Saturday, June 10, 2023.** There will be a 5K Race, 1 Mile family walk, raffles, silent auctions, face painting, and bounce houses. NEW this year will be an Adult Whiffle Ball Tourney. Donations, baskets and volunteers for the event are always appreciated. If interested in donating or volunteering please contact Tara Stubleski at: [stubleski@eriemason.k12.mi.us](mailto:stubleski@eriemason.k12.mi.us).

**PTA News – Please visit the PTA Facebook page for updates!**

- PTA School Store, **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- Daddy Daughter Dance **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** in the Middle School Gym. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 per a ticket.
- PTA Easter Egg Hunt, **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.**
- Goodies with Grandparents **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.**
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held **March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>.**
- The next PTA meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**
- Donut Thursday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>,** for those who have prepaid. No late orders will be accepted.

**Outside Dress**

The weather starts to change in March. Students **MUST** be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions for outside recess. Boots are a must with the slushy and muddy grounds, but students should have a change of shoes for class time. We do go outside if the temperature is 15 degrees or higher!

**M-STEP Testing**

M-STEP Testing will be given in the spring. Please avoid planning family vacations, appointments, etc. On these dates.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade testing: April 25<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade testing: May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade testing: April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

