



Mrs. Ness' Notes

March 4, 2024

Enrollment: 517 students + 10 Shared Time students
K-88, 1st-93, 2nd-81, 3rd-90, 4th-80, 5th-85

Willy Wonka Kids Musical: Stages Theatre is offering a community education after school opportunity for Elm Creek Elementary students. Students enrolled in this class will be performing *Willy Wonka Kids Musical* on **Friday, March 15th at 7 p.m.** and **Saturday, March 16th at 2 p.m.**, at Maple Grove Middle School. Admission is FREE and the show is about 1 hour long.

Coffee with the Principal: I like to connect with families in several ways to gather feedback and be available to answer questions. One way is through *Coffee with the principal*. The next coffee with the principal will be **Friday, March 15th from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.** in the Elm Creek Elementary Media Center. I will be sharing the 2024-2025 budget at this meeting.

VOLUNTEERS--We have 276 active volunteers as of the beginning of March, and they have logged **2,930 hours** so far this school year! Volunteers have helped in classrooms, served lunch with our cafeteria staff, helped out during kindergarten lunch, prepped projects for teachers, shelved books in the media center, worked on laminating, taught art lessons to classrooms through Art Adventure, led various clubs for our 4th and 5th graders, participated in WATCHDOGS, attended field trips and so much more! On behalf of students, teachers and staff, THANK YOU!!!

Student Council: Student council made Valentine's cards that were delivered to Havenwood of Maple Grove Retirement & Senior Living. We will have a school wide Elm Creek Spirit Day on March 14. "Lots of Socks Day" will be on March 21 to show support for National Down Syndrome Day. Our next Student Council meeting is March 7.

Birthday Lunches: One day towards the end of each month, a table is decorated in the lunchroom. Students who have their birthday during that month can have lunch with the principal and will get ice cream. Our March birthday table is on Thursday, March 21st.

Kindergarten News: Kindergarten is checking and assessing to get ready for conferences and report card marking. We look forward to connecting with parents at conferences because we are seeing so much academic growth in the students and it's so fun to share what we see with parents! March brings spring, robins, leprechauns, and graphing the ever-changing weather and temperature. We still go outside two times every day and we are all loving the nicer weather this year.

No School: Friday, March 8th is mark reporting for report cards. There will be no school for students.

Library News: Research has been happening in the media center. Third graders researched weather disasters and created an Adobe Spark Video with a partner. First graders researched animals and made a Chatterpix project where they downloaded a picture of their animal and talked like they are the animal.

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Second graders are researching a country of their choice and creating an Adobe Spark Video. We talked about the importance of using reliable resources to find out information.

Fourth and fifth graders have created Ten Word Tiny Tales that we are publishing into books for the library. It's based on a book with the same name and the author wrote tiny tales and had different artists illustrate them. We learned about how much the words and pictures tell the story.

March Book Madness is starting up so we can discover the most popular book in the library. Any guesses about the winner?

Dates to Remember:

March 4th-8th: National School Breakfast Week

March 6th: Parent/Teacher Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair

March 8th: No school for students. Mark Reporting Day.

March 12th & 14th: Parent/Teacher Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair

March 14th: Student Council Spirit Day, EC Orange & Black

March 15th: Coffee with the principal, 9:30 a.m., Elm Creek media center

March 15th: Fifth grade students from ECTV, field trip to CCX

March 15th: Elm Creek Musical, Willy Wonka Kids, Maple Grove Middle School, 7 p.m.

March 16th: Elm Creek Musical, Willy Wonka Kids, Maple Grove Middle School, 2 p.m.

March 20th: Second grade field trip to Bell Museum

March 20th: School Newspaper for sale-25 cents. Made entirely by 4th and 5th grade Newspaper Club.

March 21st: Student Council "Lots of Socks" Spirit Day to show support for World Down Syndrome Day

March 21st: March Birthday table

March 21st: Fourth grade recorder concert, 6 p.m.

March 22nd: Fourth and fifth grade Family Life lessons.

March 24th-29th: Spring Break, no school for students or staff

April 9th & 10th: State Reading Tests for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade.

April 11th: Tornado Drill

April 12th: Coffee with the principal, 11 a.m., Elm Creek media center

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