

# FEBRUARY 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3
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11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Gym Blast</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>FAMILY DAY NO CLASSES</i>	20 <i>NO CLASSES</i>	21 <i>NO CLASSES</i>	22 <i>NO CLASSES</i>	23 <i>NO CLASSES</i>	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Pink Shirt Day</i>	29		

## Upcoming Events:

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews

March 15<sup>th</sup> – Convention – No classes

March 21<sup>st</sup> – SCC Meeting

March 28<sup>th</sup> – BP Lunch

March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – No classes

March 30<sup>th</sup> – March 30 - April 7th – Easter Week – No classes



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## School News

### Administrator's Message

So, the irony of it is that as I prepare to send home this message, I know that Groundhog Day is just around the corner, and I just thought to myself "Didn't I just write one of these messages?" It makes me reflect on the fact that I am so very fortunate to work at a job with such amazing students and staff, that time literally flies by! I feel that I need to thank you, the families for raising such wonderful children who make me smile each and every day. Sometimes it's a silly joke, sometimes it's their quick wit, sometimes it's the contagious laughter I hear in the hallway, but I can honestly say there isn't a single day that goes by that one of these little people doesn't put a smile on my face!

As the year continues to fly by, I anticipate we may have a few more surprises in the works. We have had three unexpected strike days over the past month and I want to thank you for your understanding and your support as we deal with these unexpected changes in schedule. We will continue to do our very best to ensure your children receive the very best educational opportunities we can provide. We will also do our best to keep you informed of any additional changes that occur over the next weeks.

As you know, report cards went home recently. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, feel free to contact the classroom teacher. We are always happy to chat or meet with you to ensure that your child is making strides to achieve their academic goals.

Thank you to all of the family members who came out to enjoy our Muffin and Book Morning. The students all enjoy having family join them at school. These really are the things that school memories are made of.

I want to remind you that we do have a week-long break coming up. The break is scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing week. I also want to remind you that our next Progress Conferences are scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 8:30. We hope to see you all then!

Mrs. J. Tournier



### **A Message from the Transportation Supervisor**

***It is our policy to NOT transport any child that is inadequately dressed for the weather. If there were an accident, bus break down, or some other reason to evacuate the bus, the children need to be dressed appropriately. A bus driver may refuse to transport anyone not properly dressed for weather conditions.***

## Ground Hog Day Fun Fact

**Groundhog's Day is a popular tradition celebrated in the United States and Canada on February 2.**

**According to folklore, if the groundhog sees its shadow on February 2 it will return to its burrow, indicating that there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, then spring is on the way.**

**Canada has a number of groundhogs that serve as weather prognosticators, perhaps the best known being those portraying Wiarton Willie, a white-furred, pink-eyed creature that has appeared on the Bruce Peninsula, northwest of Toronto, since 1956.**

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### Celebrate a Healthy Valentine's Day

- **Try preparing one of your favorite recipes in a healthier way. Try cutting back on fat, salt and/or sugar, while noticing little, if any, difference in taste.**
- **Quality time is one of the most meaningful gifts. This Valentine's Day bundle up the whole family and plan an active outing such as sledding or ice skating.**
- **If your kids are having a Valentine's Day party at their school or day care, instead of sending candies or chocolates, consider healthy food items such as fruit and vegetables, yogurt or whole grain crackers and cheese. You can find a lot of healthy and fun Valentine's Day themed snack ideas on the internet. Take a look! Non-food items such as pencils or stickers are great ideas too!**

### Valentine's Day Trivia

#### First Valentine Was Written from a Prison

**History's first valentine was written in perhaps one of the most unromantic places conceivable: a prison. Charles, Duke of Orleans wrote the love letter to his second wife at the age of 21 while captured at the Battle of Agincourt. As a prisoner for more than 20 years, he would never see his valentine's reaction to the poem he penned to her in the early 15th century.**



# **VALENTINE PEANUT BUTTER COOKIE BARS**



## **INGREDIENTS**

- *¾ cup unsalted butter, softened*
- *½ cup creamy peanut butter*
- *½ cup granulated sugar*
- *½ cup packed brown sugar*
- *2 large eggs*
- *1 teaspoon vanilla extract*
- *2 ½ cups all purpose flour*
- *1 Tablespoon cornstarch*
- *1 teaspoon baking soda*
- *6 tablespoons red, white, and pink sprinkles, divided*
- *½ cup Valentine's M&M's*
- *2 bags Reese's peanut butter hearts (chocolate & white chocolate)*

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. *Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray an 11x17 baking sheet with nonstick baking spray.*
2. *Beat the butter, peanut butter, and sugars until creamy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat again.*
3. *Stir together the flour, cornstarch, baking soda, salt, and 5 Tablespoons sprinkles. Slowly beat this into the butter mixture until completely mixed in.*
4. *Spread the cookie dough evenly in the prepared pan. Press a grid of peanut butter hearts and M&M's over the entire pan. Bake for 11-12 minutes.*
5. *Remove from the oven and place on a wire rack. Add sprinkles to the tops of the melted hearts. Let cool completely before cutting into 32 squares.*



# *Community News*

(None available at this time)