

MID-BUCHANAN R-V ELEMENTARY DRAGON NEWS FEBRUARY 10, 2017

Looking ahead.....

February 14th– Friendship Parties @ 1:45-2:45

PK: 1:30-2:15

February 15th- Noon Dismissal

February 16th– KinderClub 6:00-7:00

February 20th– President's Day

February 24th– Dental Assembly K-3 @ 9:30

March 8th– KinderClub 6:00-7:00

March 15th-16th– Kindergarten Screening 12:00-6:00



SMIDDY SCOOP

It sure was windy outside today. Some of our little ones had to hang on tight as they walked to and from the bus -- that might be a bit of an exaggeration, but up here on the hill, the wind seems to blow so much stronger than everywhere else.

This next week brings us our Valentine's Day/Friendship parties on Tuesday, the 14th. The preschool party starts at 1:30 and K-6 parties begin at 1:45 p.m. We don't have an assembly or anything that would take students out of their classrooms before the parties begin that day, so parents coming to the parties won't be able to go to classrooms until right before 1:45. I know parking is always a concern, so we are starting the parties a little earlier than we have in the past to allow parents to get out of the parking lot after the parties before the high school is dismissed.

Next Wednesday is an Early Dismissal at noon. Teachers will have an inservice in the afternoon.

Tonight we will have 3 special events in our night sky, a comet, an eclipse, and a full moon. The exact moment of the "penumbral" eclipse will be 6:43 p.m. As required during any lunar eclipse, the moon will be full Friday night. And this month it's nicknamed the "snow" moon.

A few hours after the eclipse, Comet 45P, which has been visible after sunset for the past two months through binoculars and telescopes, makes its closest approach to Earth, when it will be "only" 7.4 million miles away. Look to the east around 3 a.m. Saturday morning, where it will be visible in the sky in the constellation Hercules. Binoculars or a telescope could be helpful. Watch for a bright blue-green "head" with a tail. The comet will be visible in various points of the night sky until the end of February, according to NASA. If you miss it, don't worry: It will return again in 2022.

Would you like to know what you can do to help a child as we move into the spring? If you have children or grandchildren, encourage them to read. Have them read something aloud to you. Do shared reading -- you read a page, and then the child reads a page. Having a child read something every evening and talk about it is a great way to show that you, too, understand the value of a good education.



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Celebrate Reading! *Mustangs Reading Program*



There is still time to participate!

We are participating in St. Joseph Mustangs Hall of Fame Reading Program again this year! **All forms must be turned in by March 10, 2017.** To participate, students need to read 10 books (on their level) and complete the reading form. The first completed sheet equals a free ticket to the 2017 Home Opener on May 31, 2017, a CiCi's Pizza coupon, an Aspen Leaf coupon, an East Hills Carousel coupon, and an offer from Worlds of Fun. For each additional sheet returned, students will continue to receive free tickets for Opening Night!

Extra Incentives: **1.** The class that reads the most will win a pizza party from Little Caesar's. **2.** The student that reads the most in each class will win a free ticket to Legoland in KC. **3.** The student who reads the most in our school will get to throw out a first pitch at the Home Opener.

Readquest! AR National Quiz Day is Friday, March 3, 2017 our 2nd – 6th graders will be participating to help break last year's record. Please encourage your child to be ready to take a quiz (or two) that day to help break the record.

Celebrate with Seuss: The annual Dr. Seuss celebration is right around the corner. Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2. We will be celebrating Seuss and reading with a few activities in the library throughout that week.

Also, in March the state of Missouri has a "Read In Day". This year it falls on March 10, 2017. I encourage you to share some favorite books with your children that day!

