

Husky Howl

February 7, 2020

THE SPELLING BEE IS COMING UP!

The Scripps Schoolwide Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday, February 26th from 9:30-11:00. Parents and family are invited to come and watch these 2nd-5th graders show their bravery and spelling skills. Please encourage your child to practice the spelling list over the next couple of weeks. If you need another list, or have any questions, please contact Greg Choquette, Kristin Moore, or Georgiann Crosta at the school. Good luck spellers!



TESTING Attendance during these weeks is crucial

ACCESS testing this month. ACCESS testing is given to student who are English Language Learners (ELL) to determine their progress in learning English. Testing will be conducted for Grades 1-5 during the week of February 18th-21st

PEAKS is a standards-based test designed to measure student attainment of the Alaska performance standards for grades 3-5 from March 30th - April 15th.

Nursing Notes:

Winter Gear: I am out of spare gloves. If you have any extra pair(s) at home that you would like to donate, our Huskies would appreciate them!

ATTN Backpack Buddy participants: If you have any of the blue cloth bags with handles at home, please return them. We started the year with 70 and are down to 4. The plastic bags we use as an alternative get heavy and are hard for some of our students to carry. Thank you!

I will be available after school next Wednesday during parent-teacher conferences. Please feel free to stop by my office if you have any health updates/questions, or just to say hello.

Lanaee Dunn, BSN, RN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 12-13	Parent Teacher Conferences 1/2 days, school out at 12:30
Feb 10-13	Spring Book Fair
Feb 14	Inservice Day-No School
Feb 17	President's Day No School
Feb 18-21	Access Testing-grades 1-5
Feb 21	Movie Night 6-8 pm
Feb 26	Spelling Bee 9:30 am
Mar 4	PTA Meeting at 6:00 pm
Mar 6	End of 3rd Qtr Inservice - NO SCHOOL
Mar 9-13	SPRING BREAK - No School
Mar 30- Apr 15	PEAKS Testing window



Ongoing Activities:

Samoan Dance Club meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm

Visit our Schools Month is a guided public tour every Tuesday at 9:30 during the month of February.

From the Principal

Welcome to February! This is the month that we notice the light coming back and some of the cold weather release its clutches. Thank you for continuing to send your students with warm weather clothing for recess. Recess is critical to our student's ability to process the knowledge they receive in the classroom.

Chester Valley Elementary is asking for parents and community support with attendance during the month of February. Historically this has been a month that attendance has decreased and we are hoping to change that trend! A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. District data shows there is a direct correlation between our students who attend school regularly and higher academic achievement levels. In order to reach attendance goals, students can miss no more than 17 days of school per year, that's the equivalent of two days per month. Instilling the value of coming to school every day is important to start at a young age. Thank you for supporting our goal to have 90% of our students at school 90% of the time. Currently 71% of our students are attending 90% of the time. In order to reach our goal of 75% of students attending 90% of the time we really need to keep attendance above 75% all month! We want your children here and we want them to want to be here so if you are having barriers to attendance please let us know!

February is also the time for parent teacher conferences. This is an important chance for you, as your child's first teacher, to meet with your children's current classroom teacher and support your child's learning. Please ask your teacher how your student is performing, specific skills they need to work on, and areas of academic strength. Your partnership is critical to student success!

Chester Valley Elementary will be conducting ACCESS testing this month. ACCESS testing is given to student who are English Language Learners (ELL) to determine their progress in learning English. Attendance during these weeks is crucial to our ability to support student needs. Testing will be conducted for **Grades K February 10th and 11th and Grades 1-5 during the week of February 18th-21st.**

During the month of February, we are opening the doors of our school for guided, public tours. We welcome everyone to join us by visiting our school, whether you have children in ASD or not. There will be an evening tour at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25th.

News in Chester Valley Library

Congratulations to our Battle of the Books teams who competed the last week of January in the Anchorage School District's competition. I am so proud of all the hard work they put in over the last few months.

Spring Book Fair

February 10th and 11th 3:30-4:00

February 12th 1:15-7:00

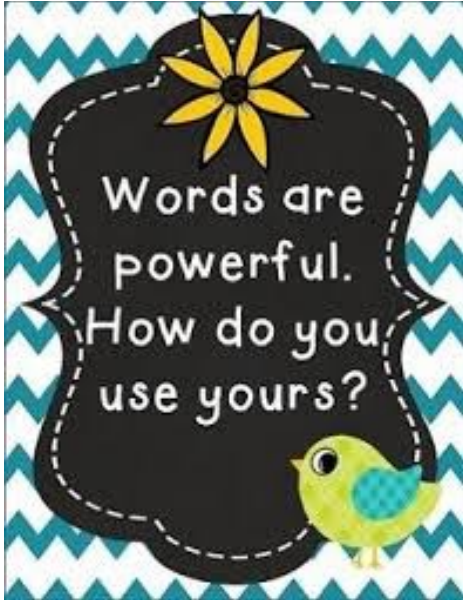
February 13th 1:15-4:30

Periodically, I will send home overdue book notices to alert families of books that are needed back in the library. Thank you for all your help with reminding your student of any overdue books.

Mrs. Simasko

**DON'T LIMIT YOUR
CHALLENGES
CHALLENGE
YOUR LIMITS**

Chester Valley Counseling Corner



We have some really fun and exciting activities going on here at Chester Valley this Spring but wanted to highlight **The Great Kindness Challenge** and the School Climate and Connectedness Survey!

Chester Valley students have been doing Kindness Chains during SEL lessons with me recently and we will be doing more kindness activities to celebrate The Great Kindness Challenge during the next few weeks. Ask your student about all of the fun and KIND activities we are doing here at Chester Valley!

Spirit Week Feb 11-13!

Tue : Crazy Hair Day

Wed: Team up for Kindness and wear sports jersey

Thur: Pajama Day



Every school | Every Tuesday

Feb. 4

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 11

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 18

9:30 a.m.

Feb. 25

9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Family Survey: We also value input from our families. You are an important partner as we work to continually improve each school's environment. Each parent/guardian is asked to complete one survey during Jan 20-March 31st. If you have more than one child attending this school, you only need to fill out one survey.

The survey will be available on Chester Valley website (after January 17th), or at school during the Parent/Teacher conferences, the family movie nights as well as additional family school functions.

Please take the survey at:

Link: <https://goo.gl/Enqoi2> Code: chestervalleyfamily



Should My Child Stay Home?

Guidelines for Deciding

- Fever** A fever is a warning that the body is fighting an infection that could easily spread to others. A child with a temperature of 100 F should not be sent to school; s/he should stay home until fever free without the use of fever reducing medications like Tylenol.
- Colds** Are more difficult to assess. A slightly runny nose and occasional dry cough is not enough to keep your child home. However, if your child's nose runs constantly and/or the cough is frequent and wet, or your child is experiencing nausea or is too tired and uncomfortable to function at school it would be best to keep the child home for a day or two.
- Cough** If your child has a severe cough, rapid and/or difficult breathing, wheezing, or bluish tint to the skin or the cough is accompanied by a sore throat or not feeling well, the child should stay home from school.
- Diarrhea** This is defined as an unusual amount of very liquid stools compared to the child's normal pattern. Child should stay home until able to participate normally at school.
- Ears** If the child has pain, swelling, drainage or difficulty hearing; please see your healthcare provider. Untreated ear infections can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss.
- Eyes** Red, itchy eyes with a clear, yellow or green drainage from the eye may be contagious and a sign of bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye). A child with pink eye can attend school as long as they are able to keep from touching their eyes and show that they can properly wash hands after contact with the infected eye.
- Medications** The school district has very specific rules for all medications in school including cough drops. Please see the School Nurse if your child requires any medications while at school.
- Rash** A rash might be the first sign of an illness. If your child has a rash with a fever and behavioral changes, or a rash that is oozing/ open wound, or is tender with the rash worsening, s/he should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.
- Sore Throat** If your child has a sore throat, have the child gargle with warm salt water. If his/her behavior is normal and the child ate breakfast, it's probably safe to send him/her to school. If the child has difficulty swallowing, or you notice saliva building up in the child's mouth because s/he can't swallow, please keep the child home. If you notice white spots seen in the back of the throat please contact your doctor, this could be a sign of an infection.
- Vomiting / Nausea** Please keep your child home if he or she has vomited more than 2 times in 24 hours or also has a fever or if s/he looks or acts ill.

New ways you can help support Chester Valley through our PTSA. These businesses have programs in place to support local communities. Go to the vendor websites and log in to your reward/membership account and you can sign up to have your purchases count towards donations to our school! We also collect Box Tops for education at school.

Do you shop on Amazon?

Or know someone who does? By using Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to a nonprofit organization of your choice. Here's how to sign-up:

- 1** Before you shop, go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Then Sign in using your regular Amazon account.

For future shopping trips go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), not just [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) so your purchases count toward Amazon's donation to the nonprofit you pick.
- 2** Choose a nonprofit spotlight or use the search box.

The nonprofit you want isn't listed? The list is from GuideStar, so chances are they're listed. Check your spelling. Still no luck? Contact 'em directly and ask them to register on GuideStar then AmazonSmile's Org Central.
- 3** Then you're good to go. Yay!

At the top of the Amazon webpage you'll see the org's name that you're supporting. If you need to change it, just click it.

Supporting: [Stiggys Dogs](#) [Raechel's Amazon.com](#) [Today's De](#)

More nonprofit tips and tricks: goodhelpings.blogspot.com

We NEED your talents and enthusiasm to support our school. In a few weeks will be our next PTA meeting and need all our parents to consider coming and getting involved. At the first meeting we will be asking for parents to step up and become officers in the PTA. Please watch for future announcements.

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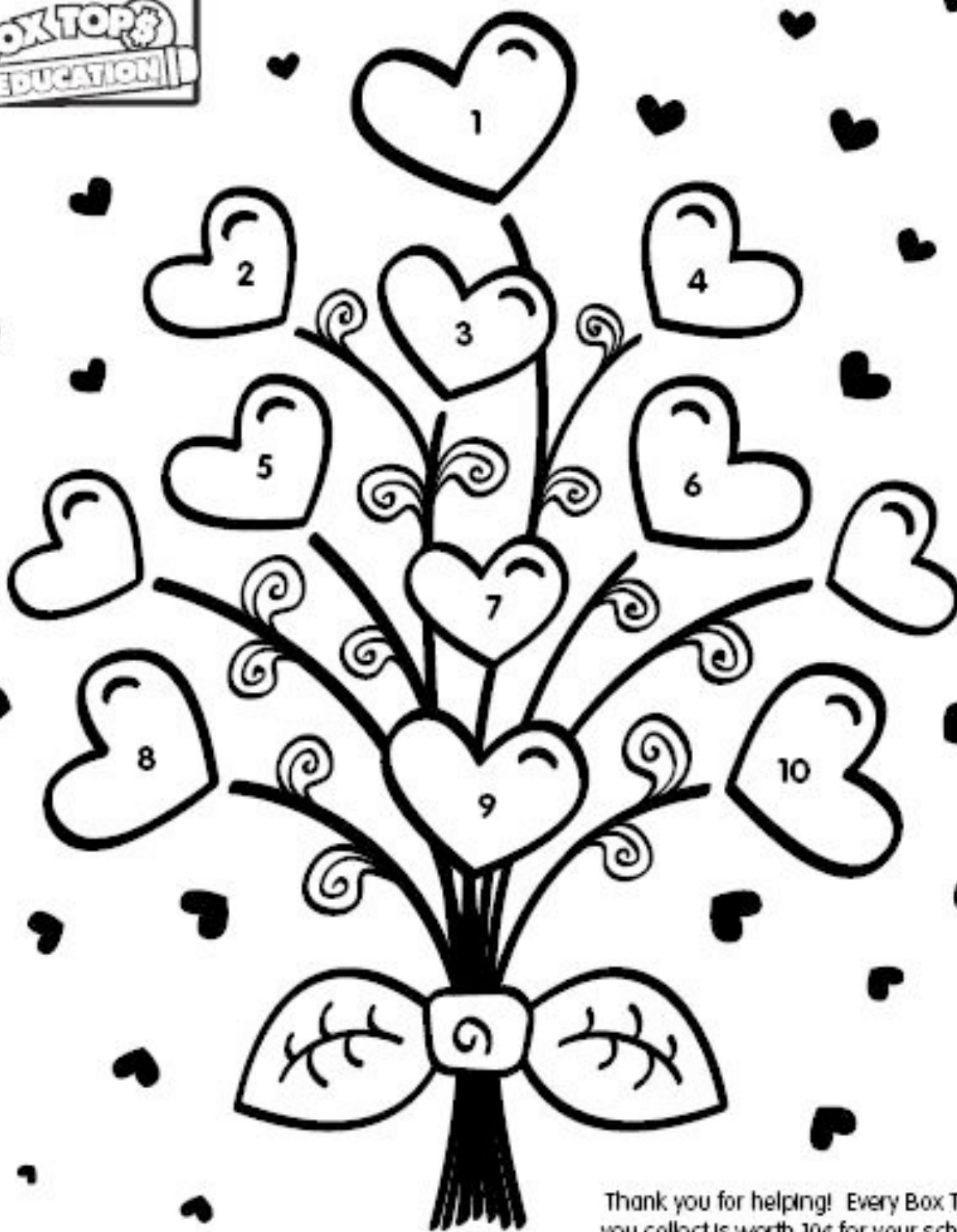
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