

# Mid Valley Elementary Newsletter

## February/March 2016



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February 12th & 15th - School Closed

February 16th - PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

February 23rd - Fourth Grade Recorder Concert

February 24th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 4th - Pajama Day or Dr. Seuss Day  
(Students may wear their favorite pajamas!)

March 16th - 2nd Grade Musical

March 21st - March 28th - Spring Break

March 30th & March 31st - Kindergarten Registration

## Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children who will be attending kindergarten at the Mid Valley Elementary Center for 2016-2017 school year will be held at the school on Wednesday, March 30th and Thursday, March 31st.

Registration will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children who reach their fifth birthday on or before August 31st will be eligible to register.

On March 30th children whose last names begin with A through G will register in the morning and H through M in the afternoon.

On March 31st children whose last names begin with N through S will register in the morning and T through Z in the afternoon.

Parents need to provide proof of residency, the child's birth certificate and immunization records. We ask that your child attend this registration to participate in school readiness screenings.

The immunization requirements are as follows:

5 doses of tetanus

5 doses of diphtheria

3 doses of polio

2 doses of measles

2 doses of mumps

1 dose of rubella

3 doses of hepatitis B

2 doses of varicella

Registration packets will be available for pick up at the elementary starting Monday, March 14th.

Spartan Pride apparel will be available for purchase.

## 2 Hour Delay Schedule

Parents are allowed to start dropping off students at 10:00 a.m.

Regular drop off 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Students will be considered tardy after 10:45 a.m.

## Parent - Teacher Conferences

Parent - Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th.

Conferences will be conducted in the evening between 4 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

You have already received information concerning the procedure for scheduling a conference. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the main office as soon as possible.

We hope by attending these conferences, parents will have a clear picture of their child's progress during the school year.

## Job Shadow Day

On Friday, February 5, 2016 our students celebrated Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Students explored a variety of job and career options. Our younger students were exposed to careers through classroom visitors, who read about their chosen career and then answered any questions they had. The upper level grades participated in a job fair that introduced them to various occupations and careers. Representatives from business and industry were on hand to provide basic career information. This event was designed to promote an early awareness of career choices for our children.

## Recorder Concert

In the past 500 years, 870 different types of animals have gone extinct. 16,000 or more are threatened today. The 4th grade class is putting on a concert on February 23rd with the theme "These, The Endangered". Please join us at 7 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 23rd to not only be entertained, but also informed.

## Reading Across America

Read Across America is quickly approaching. This year's celebration will be held from Monday, February 29th, to Friday March 4th. Friday, March 4th will be Pajama Day. The classroom teacher will read their favorite Dr. Seuss book to students. The cafeteria will serve Green Eggs and Ham for lunch.



## 2nd Grade Musical

On March 16th at 7 p.m. in the Elementary All-purpose room, this year's 2nd grade will be putting on their Musical titled "Squirm!" "Squirm" is a wiggly, giggly, squiggly musical about celebrating the things that make us squirm and discovering that most of those things are in some way, good for us. Please come and squirm with us!

## PSSA

Students in the Mid Valley Elementary Center are participating in district wide standardized testing beginning on Tuesday, April 12th.

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The PSSA has been designed by the PA Dept. of Education and assesses the areas of Math, Reading, Writing and Science. Grades 3-6 will be assessed in Reading between Tues., April 12th and Fri., April 15th . They will be assessed in Math between Tues., April 19th and Fri., April 22nd, and our fourth grade students will be assessed in Science from Tues., April 26th to Thurs., April 28th. Reports on both tests will be sent home to parents when they are available.

Please remember that standardized tests measure the performance of one group of students against the performance of other groups of students. They help us to see how well our programs are succeeding.

There is really no way to study for standardized tests, however there are a few things that you can do in order to help your child do their best.

1. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep the nights before each test.
2. Make sure that he/she eats a good breakfast.
3. Let your child know that you think the test is important and you want your child to do his/her best.
4. Reading and listening carefully to the directions is probably the most important thing your child can do.
5. If the instructions are unclear, he/she should ask the teacher to explain them.
6. Encourage your child to think positively of the assessments. If they believe they can do well then chances are they will.

Dear Parents,

Having books to read can be a very important part of the reading development of your child. It teaches your child that reading is a valuable part of his or her life and that books can be a constant source of information and pleasure. Whether you obtain your child's books from the library or the local bookstore, there are several considerations you may wish to keep in mind so that you know you are choosing a book appropriate for your child's age and reading level.

1. Your child's interests or hobbies can provide the first clue as to the kinds of books he or she will enjoy. The kinds of TV shows your child watches can also give you ideas.
2. Your child should be allowed some freedom in selecting the books he or she would like to read. If your child chooses easy books, then have your child read to you. If the books are too hard, you can read them to your child.
3. Encourage your child to pick out books with lots of illustrations. Illustrations can be used as points of discussion between you and your child about story settings and character descriptions. They can add more "life" to a book.
4. Be sure to discuss with your child the types of books he or she chooses. Make your child feel proud when he or she has made wise choices. This will encourage your child to read more books.

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## **CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

**Monday 2/29 We are free to read! Wear a red, white or blue shirt or a shirt with an American flag.**

**Tuesday 3/1 Green is for Green Eggs and the Grinch! Wear a green shirt today!**

**Wednesday 3/2 Wacky Wednesday! Wacky hair and wacky socks!**

**Thursday 3/3 Oh the Places We Will Go! Wear a shirt with a state or city name on it.**

**Friday 3/4 Curl up with a good book! Wear your pajamas to school today!**



### **Bus Stop Concerns**

**It is imperative that parents supervise their children at their respective bus stops. We have received many complaints from businesses and homeowners regarding reckless and disruptive behavior while students are waiting for their bus to arrive. Please understand that a student may lose their bus privileges if they continuously exhibit negative behaviors while they are at the bus stop.**