

**Hidden Creek/SK Online Family News**  
**March 7, 2021**

**Dear Families,**

I want to thank our staff, students and families for a fantastic week as we celebrated “Read Across America”. It was wonderful seeing our love of reading expressed by participation in spirit week, as well as the fantastic attendance at our virtual family night. Kudos to our students for their amazing behavior during our family Zoom- we had 186 screens open at the beginning of the evening! Thank you to the PTA and our many staff members who participated in planning, prep and implementation of events for the week. You are ALL appreciated!

Brenda Ward, Principal

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

This is a ways out yet, but for planning purposes I thought families would want to know when spring parent-teacher conferences occur and when Spring Break begins.

**Spring Conferences:**

**Mon-Tues 3/29-30:** Students will attend school on **regular schedule (both AM & PM sessions)**

**Wed 3/31:** Students have their regular schedule w/ Class Zooms & Specialists

**Thurs/Fri 4/1-2:** Students have Zooms w/ Specialists & independent classwork

**Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled through Skyward.** Look for a notification from your child’s teacher when Skyward is open to schedule appointments. Conferences will be conducted over Zoom.

**Spring Break is April 5-9**

***A note from Mrs. Narus, our school counselor:***

When I was in elementary school, as soon as I got home I told my mom EVERYTHING about my day. She never had to ask “How was school today?” If your child isn’t as eager as I was to talk about their day, here are some tips that might help.

1. Ask open ended questions about something you already know. It can be about an upcoming class project or activity, or who your student plays with at recess. “How did the \_\_\_\_\_ activity go today?” or “Who did you play with at recess?”
2. Avoid negative questions or wait until they tell you about their day before asking a negative question. If they got in trouble for something at school, they might volunteer information without you having to ask about it. End with something positive.
3. Wait for a natural time to talk. Sometimes students need quiet time or aren’t ready to talk about how their day went as soon as they get home. Maybe tell them about something you did while they were at school or wait until a time when conversation is more natural, like dinner time.

4. Don't take your child's eagerness to tell you about their day as a sign that they want to be asked a lot of questions. If your child is opening up and their words are flowing, a simple "wow" and "really" every now and then might be enough!

Thank you, families! I hope you are doing well and are looking forward to Spring activities, more daylight and nice weather!