

March Newsletter

Dear Laurel Families,

I hope you are all well and finding ways to enjoy all the wet and cold weather we have been having lately. If not, just hang in there, as we know that with the coming of March spring is just around the corner. All this month we celebrate **Women's Herstory** and the important contribution that women make in our lives and in shaping the world. This month we also celebrate **Literacy** and the joy of reading with several literacy inspired events. Throughout the month we will also uplift the character trait of **Perseverance**, or the importance of continuing to try to achieve something despite it being difficult. Please find the calendar below (and attached) for more details.

From March 4th to March 7th, we are on a minimum day schedule to allow time for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. Teachers have been asked to prioritize the students for whom they have the greatest concern but they are trying to conference with as many students as possible. If you have not yet scheduled a time and would like to meet with your student's teacher to discuss the 2nd trimester report card, please reach out to them directly.

The week of March 4th we will participate in the **Read Across America** event that celebrates the birthday of Dr. Seuss and the joy of reading. Each day there is a different theme (please see flyer below) for students to show their reading spirit. On March 8th we will be visited by the **Bike Mobile**. Have a bike that needs repaired? Bring it by and they will fix it. First come, first served.

On March 12th we have our monthly **School Site Council** meeting. At this meeting we will be discussing our plan to support all students so they are meeting their fullest potential. Everyone in our community is invited to attend. You can join us in person or via Zoom (link [here](#)). On March 15, students participate in our **Virtual Read Aloud** event and relax at home in their pajamas (optional) and enjoy story time with their teachers via Zoom (see flyer below).

The week of March 18 is **Family Literacy Week** starting with the opening of the **Laurel Book Fair** on Monday in the library. At the Book Fair books will be available for purchase (all students will receive a credit of \$7 that they can put toward the purchase of a book). Students will have a scheduled time during the week to browse and make purchases. Families will also be able to visit before school starting at 8:00 and after school until 3:30. The hours of the Book Fair hours will be extended to 5:00 on Wednesday when Laurel's After School Program is inviting families to join us for **Family Literacy Night** here at school. There will be refreshments, read aloud and a performance by the Laurel Lion Band. We will conclude Women's History Month with a **Read-In** on March 26th and an **Assembly** on March 28.

Have a wonderful month of March and as always you can reach me anytime at John.stangl@ousd.org. **Remember No School on March 29th as we celebrate Cesar Chavez day.**

Sincerely,
John Stangl
Laurel Principal