



March 2025

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## Principal's Message

Dear Marvelous MPE Families,

February came and went in the blink of an eye and March is already here! As we wrap up Quarter 3 on March 14th, it won't be long until we settle into our longer, warmer days and begin Quarter 4 end-of-year preparations!

**March is a busy month filled with important academic dates and fun events!**

**Kindergarten registration** is now open for students who will be five (5) years old by September 30, 2025. The link to **online kindergarten registration** is available on our school website or Twitter page. Parents/guardians can register and submit documents online at any time. Parents may upload required documentation online, however, the **original** birth certificate must be brought into the front office. In-person kindergarten registration at MPE will take place **Monday, March 17 through Friday, March 21 from 9:30AM-12:30PM**. Please bring the following: driver's license, proof of custody (if child is not living with both biological parents), child's birth certificate, child's social security card, home address, mailing address, phone number, and proof of residency. Proof of residency would be two different utility bills-gas, water, or electric bills only. **Phone and cable bills are not accepted**. If renting, one current utility bill and the lease are required. It is not necessary for the child to attend registration.

On **March 14** join us for **PTO's Annual Bingo Night!** We will play Bingo to win prizes and socialize with our MPE families and friends! Be sure to get your tickets and take chances on the 50/50 raffle and amazing gift baskets! Doors will open at 5:15PM and bingo will begin at 6:00PM. Please call the school if you need tickets and/or information.

Given the rainy winter weather we have had, I am choosing to fully embrace "**Spring Fever**"! Feel free to join me as we maintain our **momentum of successful teaching, learning, and growing together!** I appreciate your continued efforts in supporting our academic assignments and home-school connections as we work towards accomplishing our goal of finishing the year strong!

Thank you for all your support,

Angi Butler  
Principal





# Welcome!

Mrs. N. Campo- Librarian

Mrs. S. Robinson-Assistant



Library Newsletter: March 2025



## Congratulations to our new book club members!

50 Book Club Members: Rami Boyd, Reece Champagne, Canaan Chatman, Everly Chauvin, Vivienne Dufrene, Sebastian Kimball, Jaxon Miller, Dwayne Williams

100 Book Club Members: Ava Adams, Jad Alhusseini, Grace Allemand, Hudson Barlow, Magnolia Barre, Colton Barrilleaux, Kira Boullion, Aurora Bourg, Aiden Cortez, Kambrie Cressionie, Lila Francipane, Coen Hammett, Jackson Hubert, Liam Jenkins, Lucas Junot, Ally Mabile, Otto Richard, Madeline Robert, Avery Stromeyer, Brody Taylor, Daxon Washington, Alexander Wutke

200 Book Club Members: Colstyn Celestine, Nathaniel Clark, Layla Coronado Phillips, Ryan Lovett, Lily Taylor, Isaiah Washington

300 Book Club Members: Elijah Breaux, Kayleigh Muller, Anderson Junot, Francis Roberts, Jaycee Simmons, Eloise Sonnier, Devante Sylve

## Important Dates:

March 31: March logs due

April 7-11: Prize weeks (March logs)

April 30: April logs due

## Top Classes (January):

Pre-K: Ms. Amy & Ms. Natalie

K: Mrs. Sirmon

1st: Mrs. Gallagher

2nd: Mrs. Todaro



## Library Book Recommendations

Is there a book, a book series, or a specific topic that you would like to recommend for our library? If so, please scan the QR code and complete the form!

English Form



Spanish Form



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN READBOWL 2025!





ST. CHARLES PARISH EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY NETWORK/READY START

# EARLY CHILDHOOD ENROLLMENT OUTREACH

## FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

**BONUS FOR  
ATTENDING**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

9:00-12:00 p.m.

Location: River Parish Community College  
13145 US-90, Boutte, LA 70039

**DOOR  
PRIZES**

### Who should attend this event?

Families who:

- have children ages birth-4
- &
- are interested in enrolling their children in early childhood programs.

## COME MEET OUR PARTNERS

### Child Care Sites

Life Church Academy  
Children's Book of Knowledge  
Four Stars Childcare Facility  
Full of Love Daycare & Learning Center  
Kidz Academy  
Kidz at Work of Destrehan, LLC  
Mimi's Lil Schoolhouse  
We're ALL-EN Learning Center

### St. Charles Parish Public Schools

6 Elementary School Sites  
2 Head Start Sites  
Special Education

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**ST. CHARLES PARISH EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY NETWORK/READY START**  
**DIFUSIÓN PARA LA MATRICULACIÓN EN LA PRIMERA INFANCIA**

**PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2025-2026**

**BONO POR ASISTIR**

Sábado 15 de marzo de 2025

9:00 a 12:00 p. m.

Ubicación: River Parish Community  
College 13145 US-90, Boutte, LA 70039

**PREMIOS DE LA PUERTA**

¿Quién debería asistir a este evento?

Familias que:

- tienen hijos desde el nacimiento hasta los 4 años y
- están interesadas en inscribir a sus hijos en programas para la primera infancia.

**VEN A CONOCER A NUESTROS SOCIOS**

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# Counselor's CORNER

## MARCH 2025

### Counseling Monthly Focus: Careers

This month, our enrichment classes will focus on careers! Even though your child is still in elementary school, it's never too early to start introducing the idea of careers and helping them explore what interests them. Understanding careers early on can help children develop a sense of direction, build self-confidence, and open their minds to the world of possibilities. While career exploration is important, it's also important to keep it light and fun. Encourage your child to explore their interests, whether it's through hobbies, sports, or other activities, as these experiences will also help them discover possible career paths.



### Let's CONNECT!



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### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Many careers require skills beyond academics, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Help your child develop these skills by encouraging group activities, such as sports, volunteering, or joining clubs.







Mimosa Park kicked off the Mardi Gras holiday with its 2nd grade parade. Charlotte Bosarge was the queen of the parade and Eli Sacra was the king. The king and queen led the 2nd graders as they paraded with their class.





## Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

Cake Bingo is in just a few short weeks, on Friday, March 14 at 6 pm! Thank you to our students for selling raffle tickets; we have already sold more than 3,500 raffle tickets! Congrats to those who have won dress down days; there are more prizes to come, so please keep up the great work! All raffle tickets should be turned in by Friday, March 14.

On event night, doors will open at 5:15 PM, and the first Bingo game will start promptly at 6:00 PM. We encourage an early arrival to check in, grab a great seat, view the cakes and prizes, have a snack and then be ready to play!

Additional Bingo cards, food tickets, and raffle tickets can be purchased at the event. Bingo cards are \$6; food and raffle tickets are \$1. We will serve pizza and nachos, as well as snacks and drinks. Of course, we will have cakes for our Bingo winners!

We will also hold a 50/50 raffle to be drawn at the end of the event. You may only enter this raffle on the night of Cake Bingo and you DO need to be present to win.

We look forward to a great event!

Finally, not long after our Cake Bingo event, we will be sending home 2024-2025 PTO Board nomination forms. Please consider joining our board next year to help us create these fun, exciting opportunities for our students and their families.



If you have any questions about Cake Bingo or joining next year's PTO board, please email [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com).



Thank you to our Parish President, Matt Jewell for coming to read to our students on Presidents' Day and for answering our questions! We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to visit with us.

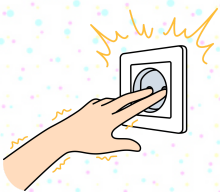




# ELECTRICAL SAFETY

**Electricity is helpful. It provides energy that we use to light our homes and operate lots of other things but it can be very dangerous. We can avoid accidents by following these simple safety tips.**

NEVER stick fingers, toys or other objects into an electrical outlet. You might get hurt by electricity.



NEVER place hair tools or other electronics near the bathtub or shower. Electricity and water are dangerous partners!



NEVER pull a plug from an outlet by its cord. Electricity could jump from the cord and give you a zap.



NEVER place your drinks on top of video games or other electronics. They can spill easily and you may get zapped by electricity.



STAY AWAY from places marked with warning signs. These places are very dangerous, even for adults!



NEVER climb trees near power lines. You might touch one by mistake and get zapped.

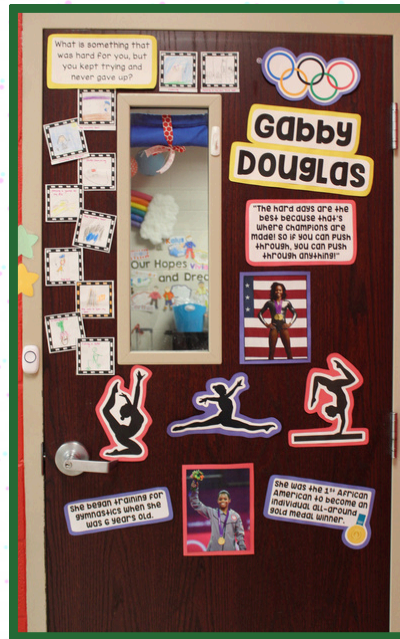
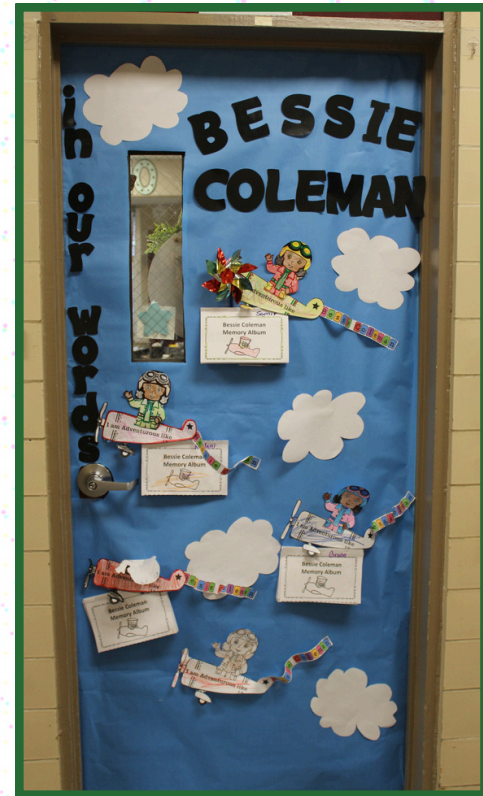


Anytime you need to use something that needs electricity, **ask an adult for help!** Remember, you can never be too safe!





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Our classes helped their teachers decorate their doors in celebration of Black History Month.







# A NOTE FROM THE NURSE



## Head Lice Fact Sheet

Each year approximately 6 to 12 million children between the ages of 3 and 12 years of age are infested with head lice. While the odds of your son or daughter developing head lice are relatively small, the following includes useful information on how to spot and treat this condition.

What are head lice?

Head lice are small parasitic insects that survive by removing small amounts of blood from the scalp every few hours. Generally found close to the scalp, primarily around the ears and at the back of the neck, the adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed and can be the color of your child's hair. Eggs, or nits, are smaller and are silver in color.

What are the symptoms of head lice?

The most common symptom of head lice is itching caused by an allergic reaction to the louse saliva. There may be redness or sores caused by scratching. Your child may be irritable and experience sleeplessness.

How common are head lice?

About one in every 100 U.S. elementary school children will be infested with head lice in any given year. Infestation can occur throughout the year, although a peak is generally experienced during summer and back-to-school time periods. Girls are more likely than boys to become infested because of sharing personal hair items.

How do you get head lice?

Lice are "equal opportunity" parasites. They infest all socioeconomic groups, races, genders and ages, but are more commonly found in children due to their close contact with each other. While head lice are not considered an infectious disease, spread from one child to another can occur primarily through direct head to head contact or secondarily through the sharing of personal items such as hats, scarves, helmets, brushes, combs or pillows. It is important for you to know that lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and they do not spread disease. If someone in your child's class at school develops head lice, there is no reason to panic and automatically assume that your child will "catch" head lice.

How do I know if my child has head lice?

Diagnosis of head lice is made on the basis of symptoms and confirmed through the identification of a live louse on the head. If your child is scratching his or her head, and you see red bite marks, sores, lice or nits on their scalp, he or she should be examined by a medical professional.

How do I prevent head lice?

While preventing head lice entirely can be difficult, children should avoid head to head contact during lice outbreaks. Secondly, parents should discourage their children from sharing personal items such as hats, scarves, headbands, helmets, brushes, combs or pillows to decrease the likelihood of spread from one person to another. All recently worn clothing, hats, bedding, and towels used by anyone having lice or thought to be exposed to lice can be washed in hot water (130°) or dry cleaned. Personal care items such as combs, brushes and hair clips should also be washed in hot water. Toys such as stuffed animals can be placed in a hot dryer for 30 minutes or in a plastic bag for 2 weeks.

How can I treat head lice?

Treatments for head lice include:

- Over-the-Counter (OTC) products
- Prescription products
- Alternative therapies — natural and herbal. These products have not been proven effective and are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Nit picking (hair combing) with a fine-tooth comb is often used to remove the nits (eggs) from the hair. Combing takes time and patience. While it may remove the eggs or empty shells, alone, it is not considered an effective treatment for head lice.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We recognized our students of the month for January at our February Community Morning Meeting!

**Kindergarten & Pre-K:** Rustin Anderson, Elijah Albers, Greyson Allday, Victoria Bordelon, Travis Bourgeois, Grayson Bruce, Evelyn Damare', Dace Donnaud, Anthony Fierro & Westin McCullough

**First Grade:** Evelyn Barbre, Jax Bourg, Saylor Glorioso, Amelia Haygood, Seven Price, Kamryn Sorapuru & McKenzie Young

**Second Grade:** Ellie Fonseca, Finn Roberts, Da'Kari Shavers, Jaycee Simmons, Demi Thibodeaux, Braxton White, Lucy Young & Ivan Zeringue

Congratulations to all of you!





## Excited about Enrichment March 2025



<b>P.E. with Mr. Paradise &amp; Mrs. Dufrene</b>	We are celebrating Healthy Hearts and we are jumping rope, single and double ropes. We are also continuing to review our healthy food choices and discussing the importance of healthy eating habits in relation to a healthy heart.
<b>Art with Mrs. Matherne</b>	Visual Art students at Mimosa have continued to learn about color. We have focused on Terrance Osborne, a New Orleans artist, who uses many colors in his artwork. We will continue to explore the Elements of Art in their work.
<b>Music with Mrs. Pepperman</b>	This month, first grade musicians will begin memorizing their parts for the spring musical. Kindergarten and second grade musicians will continue learning about musical elements and ensemble skills.



**TEACHER OF THE MONTH**  
**ANN MCGUIRE**

**SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH**  
**LORI GONZALES**

February 2025

**Mimosa Park Elementary's  
staff is out of this world!**

Thank you for all you do for MPE!

### MPE LUNCH VISITOR SCHEDULE

Week of October 7- October 11 - 2nd Grade

Week of October 28- November 1- 1st Grade

Week of November 4- November 8 - K & PreK

Week of November 11- November 15 - 2nd

Week of November 18- November 22- 1st

Week of January 6- January 10 - K & PreK

Week of January 13- January 17 - 2nd Grade

Week of January 21- January 24 - 1st Grade

Week of January 27- January 31 - K & PreK

Week of February 10- February 14 - 2nd Grade

Week of February 17- February 21 - 1st Grade

Week of February 24- February 27 - K & PreK

Week of March 10- March 14 - 2nd Grade

Week of March 17- March 21 - 1st Grade

Week of March 24- March 28 - K & Pre-K

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\*Sign-ups open on Friday afternoons for following week

#### Lunch Times

PRE-K: 11:20-11:50

KINDERGARTEN:

10:50-11:20 OR 11:05-11:35

1ST GRADE: 11:30-12:00 OR

12:30-1:00

2ND GRADE: 12:00-12:30 OR

1:05-1:35

#### Reminders:

-Only one visitor may sign up for each student.

-Students may have only one visitor per week.

-Visitors must sign-in with their ID in the front office.

No visitors will be allowed on special event days.

-Visitors may bring outside food for students.



## SAY IT:

Cooperation: Working together to do more than you can do alone

# COOPERATION

## KNOW IT:

### ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Tell me about a time you had to work together with someone to accomplish a task.
- What are some ways you have to cooperate with others at your job or in your family?

### ASK A KID:

- Would you rather work alone or in a group on an assignment at school?
- Tell us about a time you had more fun when you worked with others on a project or chore.







## SEE IT:

The Disney series, Phineas and Ferb, perfectly illustrates the benefits of cooperation. Phineas and Ferb are two step-brothers who create and build extraordinary projects every day. Among their creations are a roller coaster through town, a beach in their backyard, a time machine, a rocket ship, a haunted house, and the list goes on and on. One of the coolest things about their creations is that they rarely do it by themselves. In each episode, they enlist help from several of their friends and work together to do amazing things. Check out the first episode of Phineas and Ferb: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLWBx37eKBM>. As you watch, notice how they work together to create something way better than they could have done on their own.

## BE IT:

Get together with a group of friends or family members and come up with a project to work on together. You may want to build something cool, create a game to play, tackle a chore at your house, or even a service project to help someone in your community. Discuss how each person in your group can help make the project better and easier. As you work together, keep in mind: "Teamwork makes the dream work!"

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
MARCH			2025			1 HAPPY MARDI GRAS!
2	3	4 Mardi Gras Holiday- NO SCHOOL 	5	6	7	8
9 2nd Grade Lunches →	10	11	12	13	14 Cake Bingo 6-8 End of Q3 	15
16 1st Grade Lunches →	17 Playgroup 11:30 AM St. Patty's Day Dress down Wear green 	18	19	20 Art Club Field Trip PRE-K FIELD TRIP CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	21 Community Morning Meeting 	22
23	24 Report cards sent home Playgroup 11:30 AM	25	26	27 PreK & Kinder Lunches ←	28 Perci's Pitstop	29
30	31					



# MARCH 2025 Elementary Menu

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.  
Menus are subject to change.



Let's get Clued In to School Breakfast!  
St. Charles Parish Public Schools will celebrate  
**National School Breakfast Week**

Monday, March 10 - Friday March 14.

**This week's Elementary School activities are:**

**Monday:** Get your Activity Books and Clue Cards.

**Tuesday:** Find the Clue.

**Wednesday:** Bring a friend to Breakfast and you both get a Friendship Bracelet. Don't forget to Find the Clue.

**Thursday:** Find the Clue.

**Friday:** Completed Clue Cards get a prize!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025**



**SPRING FORWARD**  
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR

## What to know about daylight saving time:

- We all lose an hour of sleep when going to DST, as the day is only 23 hours long.
- We will be on daylight saving time for about 65% of the year.
- Only two states don't observe daylight saving time - Hawaii and Arizona.
- We will go back to standard time in November.

## DAILY OPTIONS

**With all meals**  
**Low Fat White Milk**  
**Fat Free Flavored Milk**  
**Cold Lunch Choice**  
**Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich**  
**Tuesday: Charley Box**  
**Weds.: Deli Sandwich**  
**Thursday: Entrée Salad**  
**Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich**

## OFF THE GRIDDLE

Eating a healthy breakfast is SO important, we shouldn't let traditional thinking stop us from eating a morning meal. Don't like eggs or juice or bananas or bacon? Have a piece of ham with fresh veggies on 100% wheat bread. It's still breakfast, we promise!



**EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.**  
**WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**

## Louisiana School Lunch Week March 17-21

**Monday: Going Green!**

**Green Jell-O w/Whipped Topping**

**Tuesday: Lucky Winner!**

Students participating in School Lunch will have chances to win prizes.

**Wednesday: Lucky to be Local!**

Featuring **Local Louisiana Farm Raised Beef**. Get your Beef coloring/activity sheets.

**Thursday: Taste the Rainbow!**

**Local Louisiana Strawberries**. Get your Strawberry coloring/activity sheets.

**Friday: Go for the Gold!**

Students participating in School Lunch will have chances to win prizes.

**Monday, March 17**

### Breakfast

Confetti Pancake  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Totchos  
Steamed Corn  
Applesauce  
Corn Bread  
**Green Jell-O w/Topping**

**Tuesday, March 18**

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Meatballs & Gravy  
Loaded Mashed Potatoes  
Steamd Corn  
WW Roll  
Apple Wedges

**Wednesday, March 19**

### Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

**Fresh Louisiana Beef!**  
Beef Vegetable Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Garden Salad  
Banana

**Thursday, March 20**

### Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Beef Dippers  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Broccoli Florets  
Baked Beans  
**Louisiana Strawberries!**

**Friday, March 21**

### Breakfast

Donut  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Sauce  
Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip  
Fruit Choice

**Monday, March 24**

### Breakfast

Grits / Yogurt Parfait  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Red Beans w/Steamd Rice  
Seasoned Mustard Greens  
Steamed Carrots  
Cornbread  
Diced Pears

**Tuesday, March 25**

### Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Tacos w/Cheese  
Steamed Corn  
Refried Beans  
Taco Salad Cup  
Apple Wedges

**Wednesday, March 26**

### Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Shepherd's Pie  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll  
Banana  
Cookie

**Thursday, March 27**

### Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Turkey Stew w/Rice  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Steamd Cabbage  
Strawberry Cup

**Friday, March 28**

### Breakfast

Fresh Donut  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza  
Marinara Sauce  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Orange Wedges

## SPINACH

I am spinach.

I am green.

I am leafy and soft.

I am healthy and tasty in salads.



@dellinnovator

**Monday, March 31**

### Breakfast

Pancake on a Stick  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

### Lunch

Popcorn Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy  
Cal Blend Veggies  
Cinnamon Apples

March  
monthly celebrations

Berries and Cherries Month

Gender Equality Month

Irish-American Heritage Month

National Development Disabilities Awareness Month

National Celery Month

National Crafting Month

National Music in Our Schools Month

National Nutrition Month

National Noodle Month

National Reading Month

Women's History Month