



COUGAR SNIP-ITS

Late Winter 2020

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar:

- 10th NO School
Election Day
- 11th Kindergarten Open
House (Registration)

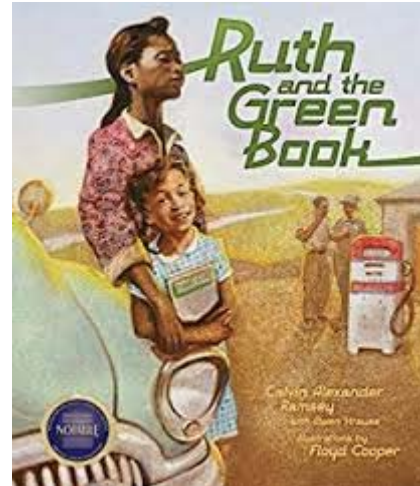
Apr:

- 3rd Half Day - Records
Day
- 6th-10th No School Spring
Break
- 13th Smart Moves
Celebration 1:30
- 17th Daddy Daughter
Dance
- 21st Bagel Day

May:

- 4th Muffins with Mom
- 15th Mother/Son Event
- 19th Bagel Day
- 22nd NO School
- 25th NO school
Memorial Day
- 28th Field Day
- 29th 6th Grade @ Camp
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Black History Month Celebrations @ Schwarzkoﬀ



As a culturally rich school community, Schwarzkoﬀ strives to educate our students to show Positive Respect by learning to celebrate one another. This month has brought many wonderful activities for learning about Black History month to the classrooms of Schwarzkoﬀ. As you know March is Reading Month has turned into a yearlong celebration of literacy. This year, we are committed to increasing classroom read alouds. Above are 2 featured read alouds that are being shared by our Literacy Coaches in classrooms.

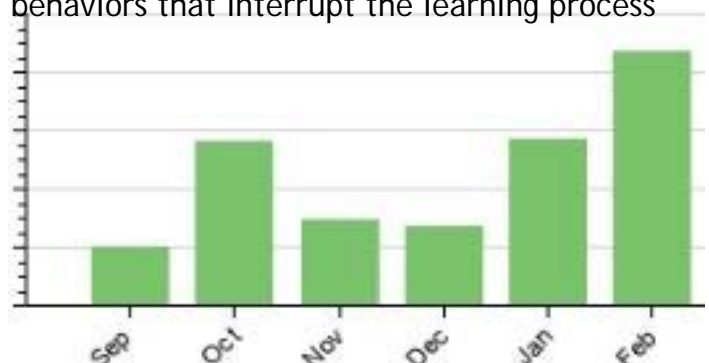
Here is a sampling of some of the classroom learning activities for Black History Month:

- Gorski - A study of the Underground Railroad and famous African Americans
- Opalewski - A writing unit about the importance of diversity
- Ventura - Select readings and pictures to celebrate MLK.
- Dodson - A celebration of the life of MLK

SWIS Data - Behavior Reminders

The cabin fever of February seems to always cause an uptick in office referrals. To support our student's behavior the PBIS team is hard at work brainstorming ways to review behavior expectations, and offer students rewards for making good choices. Here are a few reminders from the Elementary Handbook of behaviors that will be disciplined.

- Name calling, intimidation, bullying, profanity, vulgarity, "hate" speech, abusive or derogatory comments or gestures, harassment or threats of violence.
- Planning to fight, harassment, fighting (which can be pushing, punching or wrestling) or physically assaulting another student or employee.
- Defiant behaviors, ignoring rules or authority.
- Disruptive behaviors that interrupt the learning process



Coming Up

June:

- 3rd 3rd Grade Detroit
Historical Museum
- 4th Field Day Make-UP
date (If Needed)
- 8th PBIS Magic show
- 12th Last Day of School
(Tentative date)

School Hours

8:25 to 3:15

Breakfast

8:10 - 8:25

Lunch

11:10-12:05

Mindfulness Mondays -

After reviewing the Student Risk Screening Scale our PBIS Behavior team shared the following data:

Over 25% of our students are at High Risk for Internalizing Behaviors: Internalizing behaviors include:

- Socially isolated
- Challenges making friends
- Anxiety
- Emotionally Flat

Working in collaboration with the SVG and staff, the PBIS Behavior team created the following action plan:

PBIS Whole School Pep Rally on Mindfulness: Friday, Feb. 7th

Students learned the path to being Mindful:

- 1) Quiet your mind
- 2) Name your emotion: "I feel _____."
- 3) Wonder, "Why do I feel this way?"
- 4) Choose JOY

We also taught the students 3 ways to choose JOY:

- 1) Practice 5 Finger Gratitude (touch each finger and say 1 small thing you are grateful for.
- 2) Box breath (draw an imaginary box in the air, and breathe as you draw each side: breathe in for 3 seconds, hold the breath, breathe out for 3 seconds, and hold the breath)
- 3) Feed your Positive Dog (We shared the story of how there are 2 dogs inside of you and you can feed positivity by being kind, sharing, patient, etc.

Mindful Monday Videos:

We have created a series of mini-lesson videos related to Mindfulness we will share in classrooms each Monday for 8 weeks to revisit and practice Mindfulness as a part of our school culture.

School Security

As we continue the journey of revisiting and revising school safety and security practices with the support of our school security officer, there are some security procedures we would like to update.

During the School Day:

- 1) Please show your ID at the door. Our new camera system has the amazing ability to capture images and showing an ID helps us document the arrival of all school visitors.
- 2) If you are dropping off items for your student, you will be able to leave them on a table in the lobby. This ensures the only adults behind secure doors are staff members.
- 3) If you are picking up your child, you will be asked to state their teacher's name, show ID as you must be on the contact card, and sign them out.
- 4) Early dismissals will be honored until 3:00PM.
- 5) If you need to make an appointment with a staff member, please call in advance.

