

MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Read Across America
February 26—March 2, 2018

Willy Wonka
March 7, 2018 –Visit
March 16-17, 2018—Play

Spring Book Fair
March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 2018

Day Light Saving Time
March 11, 2018

Open House
March 22, 2018

Parent Conferences
March 23, 2018

Spring Break
March 29—April 2, 2018

PSSA Testing
April 9—13, April 16—19 &
April 23—24, 2018

READ ACROSS AMERICA

We will be celebrating literacy the week of
February 26—March 2, 2018.

Each day our students and staff will participate in a
fun way to call attention to literacy.



Monday Hats off to Dr. Seuss!
Wear a Cat in the Hat or your favorite hat!

Tuesday Read my shirt day!
Wear a shirt that others can read!



Wednesday Crazy Fox in Sox!
Show off your crazy or mismatched socks!

Thursday “One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish”
Wear RED and BLUE!



Friday Green Eggs and Ham
Wear GREEN!



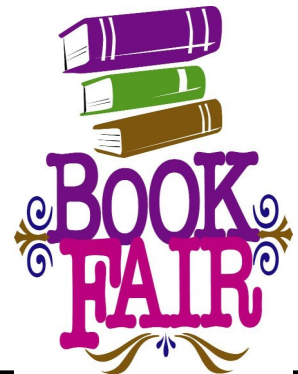
WILLY WONKA



Members of the Mars High School cast of Willy Wonka will visit our school on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. They will present several scenes from the musical production being performed at Mars High School.

BOOK FAIR

The PTO sponsored Book Fair will be held
March 5-9, 2018.
Family Night
Thursday—March 8, 2018.



WE LOVE SCIENCE

All of our students have begun their third Asset Science Learning Module this past month. They will continue these studies for 12 weeks.

The latest topics to be explored are:

Grade 2 Soils

Engineering Components: "A Sticky Situation: Building Walls"

Grade 3 Earth Materials

Grade 4 Land and Water



STUDENT ABSENCES

Please note that if your child is absent, you do not need to call the school to report them off. Also, note that if you completed the "Homework Buddy Form," your child's homework will be handled as indicated on the form you completed.

OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Mars Area Elementary School Open House is scheduled for Thursday—March 22, 2018 from 5:45—7:45.

We look forward to sharing the many accomplishments of the students thus far this year.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Daylight Savings Time begins March 11, 2018.

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour. This is a great time to remember to change your smoke alarm batteries too!

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break for all students will be

March 29, 2018—April 2, 2018

Students will return to school on

Tuesday — April 3, 2018



PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences will be held on Monday—March 23, 2018. We encourage you to sign up for a conference time to meet with your child's teacher.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

The school day at Mars Elementary begins promptly at 9:00 AM. Students' arrival time is between 8:35 AM—9:00 AM. On most days, all busses have arrived by 8:50 AM.

Each day we have students who arrive after the 9:00 AM bell. Please know that when a student is tardy, it does cause a disruption to the instruction in the classroom.

Please note that during the state PSSA testing in Grades 3 and 4, students arriving after the 9:00 AM bell will **NOT** be permitted to go to the classroom until the morning testing is completed. This means that they will need to make up the test at a later time.

We appreciate your efforts to have our students arrive in a timely manner so that they can begin their school day in their classroom promptly at 9:00 AM.

PSSA TESTING

PSSA testing for all students in Grades 3—4 is scheduled for April 9—13, April 16—19, and April 23—24.

PLEASE AVOID SCHEDULING ANY DOCTOR APPOINTMENTS, VACATIONS, ETC. DURING THESE TESTING DATES.

If it is absolutely necessary to schedule an appointment, please make them for late afternoon.

More detailed information regarding the state mandated PSSA testing will be sent home in the near future.

