

MARS AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates

Read Across America
February 27—March 3

Day Light Staving Time
March 12, 2017

Spring Book Fair
March 21,22,23, 2017

Open House
March 23,, 2017

Parent Conferences
March 27, 2017

Lab Ratz
March 30, - April 27, 2017

PSSA Testing
April 3—7, 24—28 &
May 1 -4



READ ACROSS AMERICA

We will be celebrating literacy the week of February 27—March 3, 2017.

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!



Also, on Thursday—March 2, 2017 the Mars High School Interact Club students will be at our school to read to our students. It is always wonderful to see our high school kids set such a great example for our students.



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



OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Mars Area Elementary School Open house is scheduled for Thursday—March 23, 2017 from 5:45—7:45

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



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.



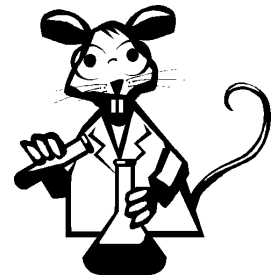
PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences will be held on Monday—March 27, 2017. We encourage you to sign up for a conference time to meet with your child's teacher.



LAB RATZ

The Spring offering for Lab Ratz is scheduled for March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27. Registration materials will be sent home soon.



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.



SPRING BOOK FAIR

March 21, 22, 23, 2017



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12, 2017. Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour.

This is a great time to remember to change your smoke alarm batteries too!



PSSA TESTING

PSSA testing for all students in Grades 3—4 is scheduled for April 3—7, April 24—28, and May 1—4.



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.

