



March 1, 2018

Yippee it's March!

Thanks so much for your perseverance and patience during the last two weeks with all of our crazy weather. I am looking forward to rainbows and warm and sunny days ahead.

Speaking of Perseverance, it is our Great Trait of the Month. Perseverance is being steadfast and persistent. You commit to goals and overcome obstacles. When you persevere, you don't give up. Thanks to our Parent Advisory Committee and Athena Ewing for committing to bringing you a Great Trait each month.

March test practice strategies- Look for some Test Strategy information coming your way. With the Smarter Balance Testing coming up in May, teachers will be incorporating testing items into their classes. To give you a peek at the types of questions on the tests, Amy Verner will be putting out some strategy tips and she will be available in P2 to answer questions. Look for dates and tips in your family mail boxes.

When was the last time you checked your family mailbox? Some of these are getting pretty full.

ALE reminders: Students in grades 6-12, who are in good academic standing, are eligible to earn a Certificate of Independence, allowing them to be on campus without a parent. If a student receives a monthly Unsatisfactory in any class and/or who displays behaviors that are not in keeping with our expectation at HomeLink, may have this privilege revoked, requiring a parent on campus for the subsequent thirty days.

K-7 conference week , March 26-30 HomeLink classes will run as scheduled, however, North Lake will have a modified schedule. Please look for information regarding the modified lunches in P1.

Tardies- The class start time listed on the schedule is the time by which students need to be in class, ready to learn. Tardies can be disruptive to the learning process and students who are late miss vital instructions. HomeLink will begin marking tardies in attendance. We appreciate your efforts to improve on-time attendance, allowing a better focus on learning and preparing our students for college and career readiness.

HomeLink provides the only viable alternative to full-day kindergarten in the school district. We have been receiving inquiries about the program for next year. Thanks for getting the word out about our great community at HomeLink. Please pass on the information about our Kindergarten information meeting, to be held March 26th at 1:30 pm. A flyer is available on our website.

Reminders:

Supervision- Please continue your vigilant supervision of our students. It's a good idea to accompany your younger students to the restroom.

Everyone, parents, students and staff, should be wearing their HomeLink ID any time they are on campus. If you forget your picture ID, you should see Robin or Jen for a temporary badge.

Please, Please, Please Parents need to sign in at P1 every day they are on campus. This is for security of our campus.

Daylight Savings begins on March 11th...remember to 'Spring' Forward by setting your clocks ahead 1 hour.

Important Upcoming Dates

Sno-Isle Interviews Begin March 7-8

Practice Test Strategies

March 22- Talent Show at the PAC

March 26 - Kindy Informational

April 2-6 Spring Break

April 30-May 4 Smarter Balance Testing

May 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10 Showcase Event

Marching toward an "otterly" wonderful Spring!

