



TIGER NOTES!

February Newsletter, 2016

A message from your Principal ~

Looking forward, looking back....

Fellow Parents:

This February contains Leap Year!

Leap year was designed to give us back the 'extra time' that our daily path through space around our sun takes. Once every four years, we add the 29th of February to our calendar. It is a unique gift of time. Time is so precious, and scarce and something we cannot get more of or redo. Today I was wondering about an extra day and what could I or others do with another day?

As a part of our work in *The Leader in Me* and *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, we are taught to schedule the big deals (Big Rocks) first, each week, then fill in the gaps with the 'other things'. That personal victory habit is called 'Put first things first'. I am finding evidence of this practice becoming much more present in our school than it was just a few months ago. Our teachers are busier than I have ever seen them, yet managing and maintaining the balance between instructional greatness, student learning, modeling and supporting leadership and their roles as parent, spouse, civic leader and volunteer.

I am seeing our students meeting deadlines with greater ease, fewer students not passing classes, more involvement in our school of student leaders and a culture of leadership being promoted as important, opportunities for us to continuously 'Leap Forward'. In each of your roles but especially in the role of parent, would you please make a priority of taking time to discuss your child's future with short and long term goals, and help them to put their First things First? Practicing that habit at home can be a huge piece to their long term success and understanding that hard work. Careful planning and dedication really do pay off in the end.

Unleashing Greatness,

Jay Tyus, Principal
Tonasket Middle School



Calendar of events

Feb. 1 – Girls Basketball @ Okanogan, bus leaves at 2:45 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 2 – Girls Basketball vs. Omak, 5:00 p.m.

Groundhog Day

Feb. 3 – Wrestling @ Oroville, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 – Girls Basketball 7/8 @ Okanogan, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:45 p.m.

Sizmark Field Trip, 7-8 Graders

Feb. 5 – Ground Hog Day Dinner, HS Commons, 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 6 – Vex IQ Tournament

Feb. 7 – National School Counselor Week

Feb. 8-12 – Book Fair, Library
Girl Basketball vs. Okanogan 8th/C

Feb. 9 – Election Day
Girls Basketball @ Oroville, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:45 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
Ash Wednesday

Wrestling vs. LR, Nespelem, Okanogan, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 11 – Girls Basketball @ Brewster, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 2:45 p.m.

Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 – Presidents' Day, No School
Feb. 16 – Girls Basketball vs. Lake Roosevelt, 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 17 – Wrestling @ Okanogan, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 18 – Girls Basketball @ Liberty Bell, 5:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 2:45 p.m.

Feb. 20 – Youth Soccer Officials Training, HS Commons, 8:30-5:30 p.m.

Feb. 23 – Girls Basketball 7/8 vs. Bridgeport, 5:00 p.m.

Girls Basketball C @ Okanogan 4:00 p.m., bus leaves @ 3:00 p.m.

Feb. 24 – Early Release, 12:25 p.m.
Wrestling @ Liberty Bell, 6:00 p.m., bus leaves at 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 25 – MS Dance, 5-7:00 p.m., MS Commons

Feb. 27 – Wrestling Culminating Tournament @ Omak, 10:00 a.m., bus leaves @ 7:15 a.m.

VEX IQ State Tournament
Feb. 29 – Missoula Children's Theatre Auditions, "The Jungle Book", 3:30-8:00 p.m.

GO TIGERS!

Coming soon! More information about Leadership Day, March 31!



PAC MEETING:

What joys the new year has brought! Incredibly January has ended, and we have to start with the month of transition in the hope of spring coming. Your PAC officers are planning a meeting full of information that will benefit the time that you have dedicated to your children attending school after a hard day of work. Like every month we are waiting for the whole family with open doors, gifts and delicious dinner on the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us February 17 at 6:00 p.m.!

MS DANCE

Feb. 25, 5:00 – 7:00 pm,
MS Commons

GEAR UP:

All seventh and eighth grade students are automatically part of the GEAR UP program. They received surveys to bring home to their parents about participation in GEAR UP activities. Please return those surveys by February 5th so we can learn how to better serve our GEAR UP families!

SIXTH GRADE CAMP:

Sixth grade camp is quickly approaching – May 23-27.

The camp fee is \$50 and can be paid anytime between now and April, 2016. If there are any questions or problems please contact Mrs. Terris. 509-486-2147

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student Led Conferences will be March 22-25. Look for more information coming home later this month.

VEX IQ Robotics:

The VEX IQ robotics class has had great success in competing this school year. On February 6th, students have their final regional competition at Brewster High School. On February 27th, qualifying teams will travel to CWU for the state competition, attempting to earn a spot to the world competition in Louisville, Kentucky. So far we have three teams qualified for state and hope to see more qualify in Brewster.