

March 5, 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

March 9	5th Grade Field Trip - Grand Rapids Symphony Concert - Central Wesleyan Church
March 9	Storyteller, Bill Harley Assembly 10:45-11:30 a.m. in the gym
March 11	Family Reading Night 6:00-7:00 p.m.
March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins - turn clocks ahead 1 hour!
March 15	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building
March 16	Celebration of Learning Rehearsal 9:15-11:45 a.m. at the PAC
March 16	Celebration of Learning 6:30 p.m. at the West Ottawa Performing Arts Center
March 18	PTC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
March 22-26	Pennies for Patients Service Project
March 26	PTC Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m. in the gym
April 2-9	No School - Spring Break
April 12	School Resumes

Please join us for our

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



Tuesday, March 16
6:30 p.m.
at the
West Ottawa Performing Arts Center
1024 136th Avenue



DIRECTIONS

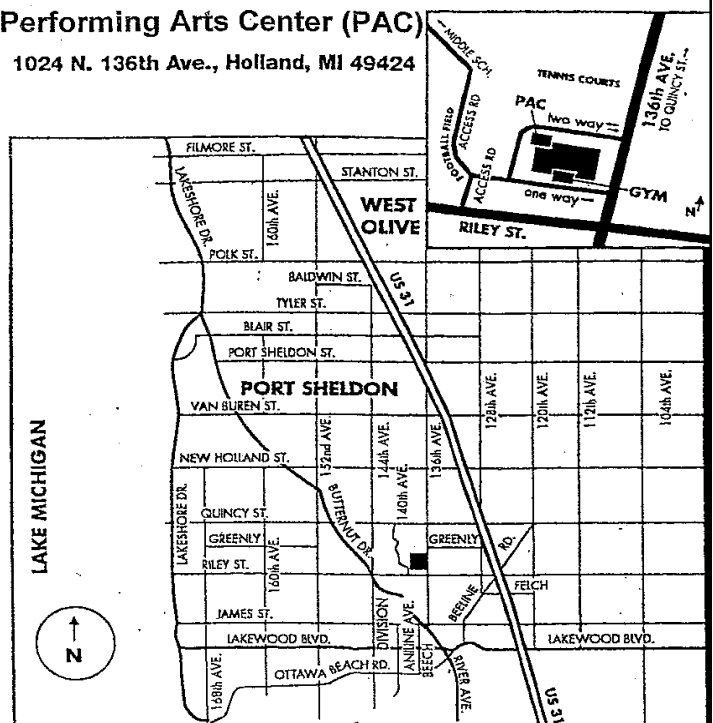
Students, please arrive at 6:15 p.m.

Students will be bussed to the Performing Arts Center during the morning of Tuesday, March 16 to rehearse.

Any questions, please call the school office at 786-1500.

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

1024 N. 136th Ave., Holland, MI 49424



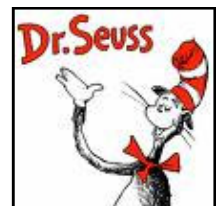
FAMILY READING NIGHT

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Come Celebrate Reading Month by attending
Parent University/Family Reading Night
at North Holland
on Thursday, March 11
from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Featuring:

- Make and take reading games
- Dr. Seuss story
- T-shirt sale
- Book exchange
- Reading tips for parents



Hope to see you there!

ART NEWS from Ms. Nykerk

The West Ottawa kindergarten through 5th grade art department will hold its annual art exhibition at the Holland Area Arts Council, downtown Holland. Various kindergarten through 5th grade student art work will be on display for the month of March.

The artists' opening reception will be Thursday, March 11 at the second gallery floor. The reception will be from 5:30-7:00 pm. Come join and support our West Ottawa Elementary Artists!



BEDTIME STORIES

MARCH IS READING MONTH and to celebrate, we will be featuring our own West Ottawa readers on our featured program "Bedtime Stories." For a delightful evening story time, tune in to our Education Station on Charter channel 96 or T-2 Communications channel 2, weekdays at 7 p.m. and weekends at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. during the month of March.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION CONTINUES

at
North Holland Elementary School
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

To be eligible to attend kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2010.

Please bring: Certified birth certificate
 Immunization record
 2 Proofs of residency (driver's license, utility bill)

Library/Computer with Mrs. Whitbeck

March is Reading Month

- 1st-4th graders are completing their projects inspired by a Bill Harley story or song. Parents are welcome to attend his performance next Tuesday at 10:45. He'll also be at Herrick (downtown) Tuesday and Wednesday evening, 7-8.
- 5th graders are learning to use Hyperlinks and Action Buttons as they create a quiz in PowerPoint.

Bill Harley

A two-time Grammy award-winning artist and recipient of the Magic Penny Award from the Children's Music Network, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of growing up, schooling and family life. His work spans the generation gap, reminds us of our common humanity and challenges us to be our very best selves. A prolific author and recording artist, Bill is also a regular commentator for NPR's "All Things Considered" and featured on PBS. He joined the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence in 2001 and tours nationwide as an author, performing artist and keynote speaker. Visit www.billharley.com to learn more.



TULIP TIME COSTUMES



Tulip Time is right around the corner! First through fifth grade students and adult supervisors are invited to march in the Tulip Time Children's Parade in May, but are required to wear a Dutch costume. Kindergarten students are only allowed to march when accompanied by a parent.

The Dutch Costume Resale will be held at the Holland Civic Center on Tuesday, March 9 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Costumes are available in many Dutch styles and sizes. For more information visit the Holland Area newcomers website at www.hollandnewcomers.com.

THE SPANISH SPOT by Mrs. Boeve

Kindergarten students continue to learn the vocabulary for clothing, *La Ropa*. The class wrote the words on jumbo size clothing pieces made out of construction paper.

1st grade students continue to work on learning the vocabulary for woods (*el bosque*). Students created an art piece depicting what they see in the woods.

2nd grade students reviewed the vocabulary for family and rooms in a house. They played a game with a partner that consisted of finding a family member in a house.

3rd grade students reviewed community places and community workers. They played a board game with a partner. In the game, students had to count in Spanish and say the name of the worker and place that they landed at.

4th grade students reviewed classroom objects and needs. Students worked in pairs to figure out which classroom objects were missing.

5th grade students continued writing their skits with their groups. Some groups began translating their material and others worked on making their props.

WOMEN'S EXPO

Ladies' Day Out - Spring Shopping Expo
Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
West Ottawa South High School
3600 152nd Ave (between Riley & Quincy)



Support Jungle 2010 -
the substance-abuse-free all-night graduation party!

Here's just a few vendors:

PartyLite Candles	BeautiControl	Pampered Chef
Tupperware	Mary Kay	Silpada Jewelry
Massage Therapy	It Works	Miche Handbags

GEMS FROM THE GYM from Mrs. Scholten

In Physical Wellness, students in Grades 4 and 5 have been learning how to perform cartwheels and round-offs, as part of our tumbling unit. These are not skills a child can learn overnight. It requires many hours of practice to master a proper cartwheel (or round-off). So maybe your feeling adventurous and you would like to help teach your child to perform a cartwheel at home. Where do you start?

How to teach a cartwheel:

1. Be sure to use a soft mat or padded carpet when teaching stunts and check to make sure you have unobstructed space.
2. Tape a straight line across the mat to illustrate that a cartwheel follows a straight pattern.
3. Alternately, place colorful handprints and footprints in a straight-line pattern to illustrate where each hand and foot should land.
4. Spot behind your child when teaching a cartwheel. Kneel on the mat, just behind the line. As your child puts their hands down on the mat, grab the back of their waist and help him/her bring their feet over their head
5. Support your child's weight as they put their feet down in the correct position on the line.
6. As soon as your budding gymnast understands the movement, allow him/her to practice the cartwheel by themselves.
7. Teach your child to raise his/her hands up overhead as soon as they complete the cartwheel. This helps to develop balance and prepares him/her for the next tumbling move.





Panther Prowl

5K

run/walk



T-Shirt Design Application

Name (first & last):

Grade:

School:

Art Teacher:

Guidelines:

All Designs must include the following information:

Panther Prowl

5K fun run/walk

June 5, 2010

All Designs must:

Be in black ink -or- computer generated

Be on a plain piece of white paper

Have school appropriate pictures/words

Deadline: All Designs must be turned into your art teacher by:

WEDNESDAY, March 31

Judging: Designs will be judged by the Panther Prowl Committee April 14
The winner will be announced on: FRIDAY, APRIL 16

WINNER: Will receive \$25, a free t-shirt & the opportunity to see their work
displayed on ALL of this year's t-shirts!!

ATTACH THIS PAPER TO **EACH** T-SHIRT DESIGN SUBMISSION

ENTER AS MANY DRAWINGS AS YOU WANT!!

(failure to complete this application with all the correct information may result in disqualification in the competition)