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Happy New Year! Hard to believe it is January. The first semester has flown by and the weather makes it seem like late March. There is much to be done during the second semester. Upcoming we have parent-teacher conferences. Those conferences will be held over two dates. The first times will be after a regular school day on Thursday, February 9. The following day there will be conferences from 8:00-12:00. Students do not report to school on Friday, only on Thursday. We will also be participating in the Tundra Tales reading challenge – there is more information below – and the Kids Heart Challenge.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

January 16 – In-service day – no students February 9 & 10 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Other Notes



Sevastopol Apparel: Just a reminder that there is an online store open 24/7 filled with Sevastopol gear. You can order and have it shipped directly to you. Just follow this link: https://tinyurl.com/3sbck8v5

Character Strong: Our Theme for January is Perseverance – ask your child(ren) to define it for you (they should come close to this: *Perseverance:* the ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way.) Talk to your child(ren) about ways they have persevered today, this week, this month. It is an important trait to being successful in anything we do.

Dental Health (Feb): February is national dental health awareness month. Please talk to your child(ren) about:

- Brush Your Teeth 2 or 3x per Day
- Always Brush Before Bedtime
- Don't Share Your Toothbrush
- Change Your Toothbrush Every 3 Months
- Clean Between Your Teeth With Floss
- Avoid Sweets / Sugary Foods & Drinks
- See Your Dentist / Hygienist 2x per Year



Tundra Tales: The Green Bay Packers are sponsoring a reading challenge (more information will be shared through your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher). As a way to kick off this event, we will have a **Packer Dress Up Day** on January 30. That is the first day of the program and runs into March.



Kids Heart Challenge: Our annual Kids Heart Challenge Event will take place February 13th – 17th in all elementary Physical Education classes. Students are encouraged to register online for the event. All classrooms that have 50% or more students registered will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card from the American Heart Association. Students who register do not need to collect donations but can learn Hands Only CPR through the registration site.

http://www2.heart.org/goto/sevastopol



We are so close to reaching our goal of having all students in our class registered for Kids Heart Challenge. There's still time to register!

If you've already registered, take Finn's Mission! You and your family can know Hands-Only CPR, learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke, discover how the heart works, and more!

Here's how you can help:

Register: http://wwwz.heart.org/goto/sevastopol

- Complete Finn's Mission: Watch a 2-minute video to know Hands-Only CPR, spot the signs of a stroke and more!
- Share with friends and family through social media, text and/or email



Spelling Bee & Geography Bee: We are excited to again be participating in both nationwide bees this year. The classroom stage for the spelling portion has been completed and those students advancing participated in the school-wide spelling bee held on Friday, January 13. The regional bee will be held in February.

Students representing their grade level in the school-wide bee are:

3rd: 4th: 5th: Winnie Pounds Griffin Hartel Ella

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Noah Heinz Colt Johnson Maggie Thomas
Charlotte Grenfell Stella Goettelman Madi Jarosh
Layla Rankin Brennan Staats Natalie Wilke
Ali Czagas

Congratulations to our top finishers: Layla Rankin (3rd), Ella Grooters (2nd) and to our 2023 School Campion Maggie Thomas who will represent us at the regional event in February.



Parent-Teacher Conferences: On February 9 and 10 Winter/Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held. Watch for sign up forms/information from your child(ren)'s classroom teacher.

Report Cards: We are hoping to prepare and mail report cards on Friday, January 27.



Lost and Found: We have a number of items in our lost and found. Please look at the pictures on the following page to see if any might belong to your child(ren). If you think it might, we can arrange to walk you to the area where they are displayed. If not claimed by the end of the month, we will be donating them.



