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# Elliott's Events

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Hello Families,

Just a reminder that we sent home information about our Civic Service Project on February 9. The students were supposed to relay the information to you and work on a plan that they can carry out before March 19. An action plan was due to me on February 21. If your child did not bring his/her plan to school, please support him/her in doing so as soon as possible. If you need me to send the information home again, please let me know.

Also, state assessment season is upon us. In third grade students take an English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics state assessment. You may hear it called CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success). We will be testing each day from Monday, March 26 to Friday, March 30. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these days if possible.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email. [Julie.elliott@thompsonschoools.org](mailto:Julie.elliott@thompsonschoools.org) or 613-5749

## Life in 3rd Grade:

**Math:** We've been working on our place value unit. We have reviewed some of the concepts that were covered in second grade, and in addition, the students are having to use their understanding of place value to answer higher level questions. Although many of the students are able to solve 3-digit addition and subtraction equations numerically, the students are using place value drawings to support their thinking and to help deepen their place value understanding. Our unit test will be on March 8.

**Writing:** Last week the students completed a quarterly informational writing assignment that will be shared with you at conferences. This week the students will work together to analyze student writing samples to determine strengths and weaknesses, and then next week they will revise their own writing.

**Reading:** We have been focusing on characters' point of view in narrative stories and supporting our thinking with details from the text. This week I will hold individual conferences with students to review progress and set priorities for the rest of the year.

**Social Studies:** We are starting a new unit this week called "Blast from the Past." Our focusing lens is the idea that the past influences the development and interaction of different communities or regions. We will begin by discussing the following events/topics: The Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark, The Oregon Trail, and The Homestead Act.

## Things to Note...

### Conferences

Our conferences will be held the evening of 3/8, and during the day on 3/9. We will follow the same format as in the fall. The students will be leading the first 15 minutes of their conference, and then I will meet with you for the second 15 minutes.

### Schools on the Move

The Schools on the Move challenge ends this week. Schools that have the highest percentage of student participation can earn money towards new P.E. equipment! Please return your signed forms to school on Thursday.

### Book Fair and Coin Drive

Each classroom is collecting coins until March 9. We will purchase books for our classroom with the money collected, and Scholastic will match the money collected and send books to schools that were affected by the hurricanes last year.

**HABIT OF THE WEEK:**

Put First Things First

## Specials Schedule:



**Monday:** Library 10:30-11:30

**Tuesday:** Art 10:30-11:30  
Counselor 1:30-2:00

**Wednesday:** Computer 10:30-11:30

**Thursday:** Music 10:30-11:00  
P.E. 11:00-11:30

**Friday:** Music. 10:30-11:00  
P.E. 11:00-11:30

## School-Home Connection

Caught Leading Assembly: 2/28

No School for Students: 3/2 & 3/9

Parent/Teacher Conferences: 3/8 4:00-8:00 & 3/9 8:15-4:00

Spring Break: 3/12-3/16

CMAS Testing: 3/26-3/30

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