A Message From the Principal

Well, we have completed another month of school, and it’s almost time for Spring! Pretty soon, we will see flowers blooming, bright sunshine, and butterflies flying around! I think we have had enough of the cold weather!

I want to thank you for taking time to volunteer at Sugarland. We’ve had a lot of people helping in the office and classrooms, and we love it and the kids enjoy seeing their parents in the school. Keep it up!!

We have a full calendar for the month of March, so pay close attention to the dates. Also, soon, I will send home a link to a survey for you to complete that will help our school to become better. You may complete it online, or you may complete a paper copy. If you need help with it, you may come to the school to use the computer, and Mrs. Andrade, our parent liaison can help you.

Thank you so much for sending such sweet, kindhearted students to school every single day. We love our students and families!

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### March Events at Sugarland

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### 2016-17 LCPS School Calendar

- **August 29**: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- **September 5**: Holiday (Labor Day)
- **October 10**: Holiday (Columbus Day)
- **November 4**: End of First Grading Period
- **November 7-8**: Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
- **November 23-25**: Holiday (Thanksgiving)
- **December 22 - January 2**: WINTER BREAK
- **January 3**: Classes Resume
- **January 16**: Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- **January 26**: End of Second Grading Period
- **January 27**: MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY** (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
- **February 20**: Holiday (Presidents’ Day)
- **April 6**: End of Third Grading Period
- **April 7**: Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
- **April 10-14**: SPRING BREAK
- **May 29**: Holiday (Memorial Day)
- **June 9**: Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period
March is music in our schools month and here at Sugarland, we are celebrating in style! Our 3rd graders are hard at work rehearsing for their musical, Lemonade. They will be performing this musical next month, on April 26th! 2nd graders are also working hard, and learning all about "being green" in preparation for their Earth Day musical this April 20th. 4th and 5th graders begin learning the recorder this month and 1st grade is learning all about the orchestral instrument families with their studies on "Peter and the Wolf." Our rising 6th graders will also be taking a trip to Seneca Ridge on March 13th to tour the school and to enjoy a concert by the middle school musical ensembles.

--Mrs. Blum-Marciano

In March we will have a guest author/illustrator visit and speak to our students in grades 2-5. Jennifer O’Connell will be presenting her work and talking about the process of writing a non-fiction book. She will also be bringing a 19 foot-long drawing of a Humpback whale to share with us!

In the library, students have been busy reading and exploring information resources. Fourth graders are working on creating their own videos about force and motion. We began by researching force and motion, planning out video ideas on a storyboard. We are currently creating videos we will edit using WeVideo during Technology class and in the library!

Mrs. Grim

The STEAM lab has been very busy this month! Our students have been able to practice coding with Ozobots! Soon, they will create more complex codes using the Ozobot app and using the robots for classroom projects. At this time, the lab could use donations of paper towel tubes and empty tissue boxes. Don’t forget to check our Twitter page: @SugSteam
The Sugarland PTO invites you to come watch the 2017 Sugarland Basketball Challenge. Our 5th graders will measure their basketball skills against the teachers. This event will take place in the Sugarland Gymnasium on Friday, March 10 at 6:00pm. Come for a fun night of entertainment. Participate in a half-time Half Court Throw to win a prize.

Notes from the School Counselor

Character Trait for January/February: Trustworthiness
Students are reviewing this character trait in guidance lessons.
We will also be continuing our Career Lessons this month in Kindergarten – third grade.
We are reviewing strategies to be a good friend and to avoid Bullying in Grades 4 and 5.

Counseling Groups
Ms. Fore will be sending home interest forms for counseling groups. Please return the form if you are interested in a counseling group for your child.

Comcast Internet and Laptops Available
Students who qualify for Free Lunch may also qualify for a discounted internet price, just $9.95 per month. Laptops are also available as at discount for $149.99.
Please call Comcast for more information 1-855-846-8376.

BIRTHDAYS
Parents, we have received a very generous offer from a donor to help us celebrate students’ birthdays. If you celebrate birthdays, and would like for your child to participate, please let us know. Parents will receive a gift card for a birthday cake so please contact me the week before the birthday.

The Backpack Buddy Program provides food every weekend for families.
Contact Ms. Foré for more information.

Reduced or Free Dental Care:
Loudoun County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic
102 Heritage Way, Suite 101
Call 703-771-5959 for more information about eligibility process
Reading Team

To kick off the Month of March we celebrated Read Across America Week. This week is a celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday and the contribution he made to children’s literature. We kicked off the week with a Poem in our Pocket, continued with Silly Sock Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Red and Black Thursday March 2\textsuperscript{nd} in honor of The Cat in the Hat and ended the week with Pajama Friday. This is a fun wacky week, but at the core of our celebration was remembering the gift of reading with children and enjoying good books together.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child who is five on or before September 30, 2017 and is eligible for kindergarten, we strongly encourage you to do the online registration. If you do not have a computer, please complete the pre-registration survey and return to Sugarland School as soon as possible. We will send you a hard copy registration packet.

You can register your child \textbf{now} online at \url{https://register.lcps.org/}

The actual registration day for kindergarten has been set for \textbf{March 29, 2017} from 8:30AM to 2:30PM.

If you register your child online, you do not need to return the pre-registration form. Just call the school to make an appointment, or we will call you to set up an appointment. The phone number is 571-434-4460.

If you have a hard copy registration packet, please complete by registration day and bring it to the school from 8:30 to 2:30.

Regardless which registration option you choose, you, the parent must come with the following documents: your child’s \textbf{ORIGINAL} birth certificate, proof of residence, and parent ID.