



Dear Families,

Happy February! As we move through this short but meaningful month, our focus at school continues to be on supporting students academically, socially, and emotionally. February is a great time to reflect on relationships, kindness, and the ways we work together as a school community. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

This month, our GRIT focus is Relationships, with an emphasis on empathy and communication. Throughout February, students will be learning skills that help them build strong, healthy relationships with peers and adults.

Students will explore:

- Showing empathy and understanding others' feelings
- Communicating respectfully and clearly
- Demonstrating GRIT in friendships
- Standing up for what is right
- Working through conflicts in positive ways
- Respecting differences and celebrating diversity

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by asking your child how they show empathy, solve problems with friends, and communicate respectfully when challenges arise.

Our 3rd i-Ready Diagnostic Testing Window will take place Feb. 17th - 27th. This assessment helps teachers monitor student growth and plan instruction that best meets each child's needs.

Helpful Testing Reminders:

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep
- Provide a healthy breakfast each morning
- Encourage your child to do their best and take their time
- Remind students that this is just one way we show what we know
- Please avoid scheduling appointments during testing days if possible

Your support makes a big difference in helping students feel confident and prepared.

Important Reminders:

- Attendance Matters: Every school day counts! Regular attendance supports strong learning habits and academic success.
- Dress for the Weather: February mornings can be chilly—please remember jackets and layers.
- Safety First: Continue to remind students about playground safety and making respectful choices.
- Kindness Counts: February is a great time to reinforce kindness, inclusion, and positive behavior at home and at school.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to a productive and positive February filled with learning, growth, and strong relationships.

Warm regards,

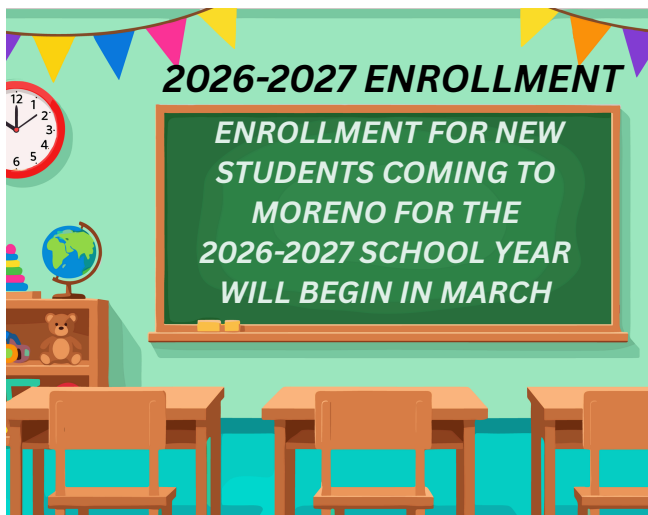
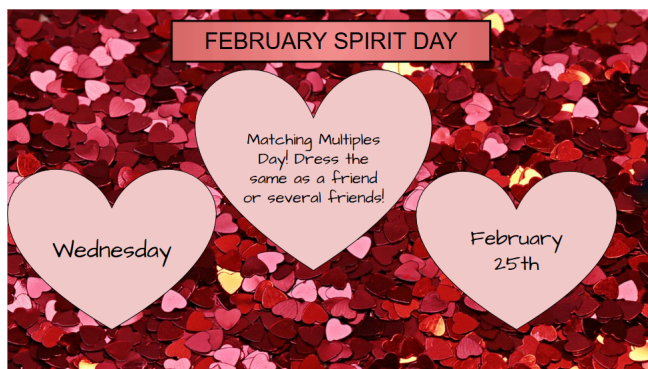
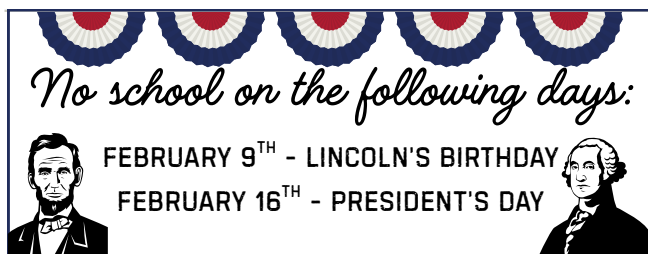
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## IMPORTANT dates to remember



FEB 5: GATE Parent Meeting  
FEB 6: PTO Sweetheart Dance 4:30-6:30PM  
FEB 9: Lincoln's Birthday - No School  
FEB 10: Coffee & Conversation 7:30AM in G6  
FEB 11: SELPAC Parent Meeting 2:30 in G6  
FEB 12: Family Art Night 4:00-5:30PM in MPR  
FEB 14: AMA (Saturday School) 7:45 - 12:00PM  
FEB 16: President's Day - No School  
FEB 18: SSC Meeting at 2:30PM in G6  
FEB 25: Spirit Dress - Match your friend(s) day  
FEB 26: Recognition Assembly. TK-3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 and 4th-6<sup>th</sup> grade at 1:20  
FEB 28: AMA (Saturday School) 7:45 - 12:00PM



March

March 13: Early Dismissal at 12:15  
March 23-27: Parent Conference Week - Early Dismissal at 12:15 all week.  
March 30-April 3: Spring Break - No School