



PBDA LOWER CAMPUS EVENTS March 2019

Important Dates:

- 3/5 Toddler Tuesdays for Prospective Families @ 10:30am
- 3/8 No Flag Assembly – Noon Dismissal
- 3/9 – 3/24 Spring Break
- 3/25 Classes Resume
- 3/26 – Hope Rural School Easter Party with 2nd -4th Graders

Friday Night Outs

Pre-Primary Mother's Day Tea Party – May 3rd
Primary Games on the Lawn with Upper School Buddies – April 12th
Kindergarten Gym Night – March 29th
1st Grade Movie on the Lawn – March 1st
2nd Grade Viewing the Stars – April 26th
3rd Grade Maker Night – May 17th

Lower Campus Announcements

Thank you to the PSC committee for the 100th day of school treats for the teachers. We appreciate the yummy snacks!

Fearless Fridays are in full swing and the students love trying new recipes made with the fresh ingredients found from our lower campus gardens.

Friday Night Outs are starting back up. We are excited to give each grade level the time to socialize and connect with each other.



Second Trimester Culminating Units of Study

Pre-Primary

March:

Dental Health; Health and Nutrition
Going to the Dentist
Healthy food, healthy body
Colors; white and shades of color

Ongoing

Tapestry Partners with 9th Graders
Mystery Reader
Garden Beds
Growing Vegetables

Primary

March:

Animal Fun
Transportation and Life Cycles
Patterns, Sorting, and Spatial Relationships
Ann Norton Sculpture Garden visits to continue their exploration of different forms of art.



Kindergarten

March:

Dr. Seuss Day
Garden Talks
St. Patrick's Day
Time and Money
Norton Museum Field Trip
Kinder Night Out

Kindergarten recently went on their first field trip to the Norton Museum of Art. The newly renovated museum is beautiful and the children enjoyed receiving a private tour as they focused on colors, shapes, and lines throughout the museum.

First Grade

March:

First grade is deep in their Global Studies unit as they prepare for villages with numerous hands-on activities and crafts. They read The Great Kapok Tree under a real kapok tree and had a picnic lunch to celebrate their country, Chile. They also made an erupted volcano! 6th graders partnered with the first graders to make clay Moai.



Second Grade

March

Global Villages (Italy and France)
Flat Stanley Project
Iditarod
National Geographic Coral Reef Project

Iditarod – 2nd Grade is focusing on Alaska to learn about the Iditarod. Dr. Morales – Camilla Arroyo’s mom, came in as a guest speaker to share about her experience as a volunteer vet during an Iditarod. The students will focus on this theme during their reading and social studies time over the next few weeks. Along with this mini-unit, they will read exciting literature about dog-sled racing. To help personalize The Last Great Race, each student will choose a musher to follow during the race.

Flat Stanley Project – After reading Flat Stanley, students create flat versions of themselves to send to a friend or family member. The boys and girls are working on narratives to tell about how they became flat.

Third Grade

March

Third grade is excited by the enthusiasm and success of our Primary Pals program where third grade students help at drop off by escorting primary students to their classrooms.

This month they started Wednesday yoga for third grade. For 30 minutes prior to the school day, the students may come in and get



themselves ready for the day by stretching, breathing, and calming themselves.

The past month has been busy with nonfiction writing. Students have been focusing their efforts on researching, synthesizing, drafting, and publishing their books on an animal.

They have been enjoying our association with the Coral Reef Project. They have constructed a model of a polyp and also made slime to remember that coral produces slime to protect it and to help catch prey.

Village preparations have been keeping them busy. Third grade students will be sharing salt dough maps they made of their countries. Additionally, they will each take part in creating a video to highlight something they learned and perhaps were surprised about.

Going forward, third grade will be working on persuasive speeches, book discussion groups, and rehearsing for the third grade musical.