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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

News to Remember

- Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Art Club Meeting
- Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Meeting
- Thursday, February 14, 2018 @ 9 a.m.**
JH Student Council Meeting
- Friday, February 16, 2018 @ 9:15 a.m.**
CMU Band Day-Bus leaves 6:15 a.m.
- Monday, February 19, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 8:40 a.m.**
ECC Only Fire Drill
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Art Club Meeting
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 5-7 p.m.**
Theater Dinner in Cafeteria
- Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**
Drama Production in Auditorium
- Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 8:15 a.m.**
JH/HS Student of the Month Assembly
- Saturday, February 24, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Drama Production in Auditorium
- Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 8 a.m.**
"F" List Runs
- Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Art Club Meeting
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 9 a.m.**
JH Student Council to Big Bend
- Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 8 a.m.**
K-8 Spring Picture Day
- Friday, March 2, 2018 @ 7 p.m.**
Trivia Night @ Martin Community Center in Marshall
- Monday, March 5, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 10 a.m.**
All School Tornado Drill
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Art Club Meeting
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018**
End of 3rd Quarter
- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 3 p.m.**
Theater Arts Club Meeting
- Thursday, March 8, 2018 @ 6 p.m.**
PreK-5th Grade Parent Night
- Friday, March 9, 2018 @ 9 a.m.**
Delta Dental Land of Smiles PreK-3rd

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Do you like Trivia? Well on March 2, 2018, Slater School District is going to hold a 5th Annual Trivia Night at the Martin Community Center in Marshall, MO. The money raised at this event will go toward buying new playground equipment for Slater Schools. Not only will you be enjoying trivia but there will also be a silent auction. The activity starts at 7:00 p.m. and the doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

If you are forming a team remember that there can be no more than 8 members. You must also register those members by calling the school at 660.529.2278 ext. 103. The cost is \$100 per team, and the space is limited to the first 25 teams. All teams have to be registered no later than February 23, 2018.

So if you are great at trivia and want to have fun for a good cause, be sure to attend the 5th Annual Trivia Night!



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Tyler Malin

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. In MLK Jr.'s lifetime he did many things in order to have a day dedicated in his name. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is about celebrating his key role in American-Civil-Rights from the mid 1950s until his assassination in 1968. MLK Jr. fought for equality and justice for African-Americans and also encouraged peaceful protests.

MLK Jr. was a gifted student at 15 years old, and later went on to Morehouse College to study medicine and law. At a young age he wanted to change the world by ending segregation and racism. At just 27 years old he received a threatening phone call that made him begin his first peaceful protest, which was the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. This protest began on December 5, 1955, and lasted until December 20, 1956. This protest began because a lady named Rosa Parks, who was an African American, would not give up her seat to a white individual. Soon after police showed up and arrested her. At this time in history, African Americans were expected to ride in the back of the bus, while white individuals rode in the front. This situation sparked the beginning of the American Civil Rights Movement.

MLK Jr.'s second peaceful protest was the Albany Movement which began on November 19, 1961, in Albany, Georgia. The protest sadly failed. "Albany Chief Laurie Pritchett responded to the demonstrations with mass arrest, refraining with and thereby refraining minimizing negative publicity. By December 1961 over 500+ protesters were jailed and negotiations with city officials began," (Martin Luther King Jr Global Struggle, 2005).

The third peaceful protest took place in 1963 in Alabama. It was started because MLK Jr. wanted to try to bring the races closer together, and he did. The down side to this protest was that police used high powered water hoses and dogs to keep the protesters calm and under control.

The fourth protest was the "march on Washington for jobs and freedom." It took place on August 28, 1963. Over 200,000 African American and other races attended this march. The reason why MLK Jr. started this protest was to speak to his fellow African-Americans and Latinos. MLK Jr. also gave his famous speech, "I Have a Dream" at the Lincoln Memorial.

The next protest was very brutal and therefore was called "Bloody Sunday." Even though MLK Jr. was not present at the protest he asked police and government officials to make sure that protesters would not be harmed. The protest was caught on live television and that boosted the support for Civil Rights. Also, President Lyndon B. Johnson attended the protest.

The next protest was a little bit more brutal and took place in Chicago, Illinois, on January 7, 1966. MLK Jr. led his protesters down a very busy street where thousands of Americans gathered and taunted them to leave. They refused and those who gathered threw glass bottles and bricks at them. Many protesters had to be hospitalized, and MLK Jr. was one of them.

Sadly, Martin Luther King Jr. was shot/assassinated by James E. Ray on his balcony in Memphis, Tennessee, at just 39 years old. After years of debating President Ronald Reagan signed a bill creating a the U.S. Federal holiday in honor of the great achievements Martin Luther King Jr. achieved. "Observed on the third of January, Martin Luther King Jr Day was first celebrated in 1986" (Martin Luther King Jr, 2009). This is why we celebrate MLK Jr. Day each year in January.

Source: History.com Staff. "Martin Luther King Jr." *History.com, A&E Television Networks, 2009, www.history.com/topics/black-history/martin-luther-king-jr.*

Honor Band

By Dannon Prysock

Do you know what Honor Band is? Honor Band is an opportunity for the most advanced players in the band to play in a concert with other band members. This event is designed to promote instrumental music and reward students with good skills.

Each year Ms. Stevens, Slater School District Band Director, is allowed to pick a certain number of students from each grade to participate in Honor Band. This year she was allowed to take three students from 7th grade, as well as three students from 8th grade. The 7th grade students chosen to participate this year were: Keirsten Perrin, Meaghyn Scheller, and Wylee Goff. The 8th grade students chosen were: Dannon Prysock, Ben Carver, and Griffin Moore.

Ms. Stevens selected these students because she believed they were the most advanced students in their grade levels. She also believed that these students display good behavior and have the ability to apply themselves to the Honor Band schedule.

Honor Band was located at Smith-Cotton Junior High School in Sedalia on Saturday, January 13. The students practiced music for several hours to prepare for the concert that occurred at 5 p.m. that evening.

According to Ms. Stevens, all of the students have worked very hard and were very deserving of a spot in the Honor Band.

10 Ways to Stay Healthy

By Dannon Prysock

1. Quit bad habits
 - These include sugar, caffeine, and junk food.
2. Get your check-ups
 - Talk to a doctor to make sure everything is as it should be.
3. Sleep
 - You need a good amount of sleep because it allows the body to heal unlike when your awake.
4. Exercise
 - Exercise is very important because it makes our bodies stronger and keeps them in shape.
5. Eat healthy
 - Eat fruits, vegetables, and other food products that you know that will not be bad for your body.
6. Eat breakfast everyday
 - Always eat your breakfast because it is the first meal of the day and gives you energy, and takes away most of the urge to eat again right after.
7. Drink a lot of water
 - Water is what we need to stay hydrated so you need a good amount of it.
8. Lose Stress
 - Stress can cause a lot of health problems, so to get rid of it just do what you love and do not think about other things worrying you in the meantime.
9. Express yourself and your feelings
 - Never keep your feelings bottled up, talk about them with your friends and even writing them down helps.
10. Motivation
 - Exercise daily, be motivated to do all of these steps, and just remember you can do it.

Slater Theater Arts Club (STAC)

By Abigail Hopkins

Slater School District's vocal music director, Mr. Stephen Meyer, has decided to start a theater arts club in our school. Mr. Meyer is very passionate about theater as he "was very involved in theater" and believes that a theater club will provide "great opportunities for the students who haven't found their niche yet." Mr. Meyer along with co-sponsor Mr. McCoy, Slater School District Paraprofessional want Slater students to experience the world of theater first hand. The Slater Theater Arts Club (STAC) is working hard on their performance in late February.

Mr. Meyer finds theater to be very interesting in that "people can become a completely different person through their character and most importantly have an amazing time while doing so." While this might seem easy, it takes many hours of practice to take on the "attributes" of a character. The student is basically becoming the character for the time that they are performing on stage.

This year's production is a compilation of scenes from other shows that include comedies as well as some dramas. "These (scenes) allow the students to focus on growing their skills on stage, but still offer quality content," said Mr. Meyer. When asked about how students are chosen for the roles Mr. Meyer explained that the students were given roles based off of what they auditioned for. It should be interesting to see how different the personalities of the characters are from the students themselves.

Mr. Meyer hopes that the students that are in STAC will encourage other students into the fun. It is his hope that he can keep the current members in STAC next year as well as gain many new members. He is a big advocate of theater arts, and he will continue to encourage students to participate and explore new opportunities. Mr. Meyer says, "If you can't have fun performing on stage then the audience can't have fun watching it."

Students who are participating in STAC this year are: Jaylee Hazell, Sophie Cott, Harley Dohrman, Emelie Henning, J.J. Herriford, Johnny Brownell-Hecke, Christopher Abney, and Mattie Thies. If you would like to join these eight people in theater fun all you have do is speak to either Mr. Meyer or Mr. McCoy.



Early Out, Late Start, or Emergency Procedures

By Ben Newman

When Slater Schools has an early out, late start, or an emergency, where are parents supposed to pick up their child/children or drop them off? Around this time of year Slater Schools has a few late starts and early outs due to weather. It is important that parents know about the procedures for late starts and early outs.

Students at Slater Schools should let their parents know about the late starts, early outs, and emergencies. How should you let your parents know about these things? Well I have talked about it with a few teachers like Ms. Reeter and she said, "There is the school website and your parents can sign up to receive email or text message alerts from the school." So students please tell your parents about this amazing tool as soon as possible.

When it comes to emergencies like a fire, students will go outside with their teacher. If it is a drill or a false alarm school will resume. However, if the school were to have a real emergency students would exit the building and wait for further instructions. If for some reason the students would need to relocate off campus, they will be escorted to the Baptist Church. Parents would be notified if this was to occur. In the case of a tornado students will be taken to a designated safe area inside the school and follow safety protocol.

When Slater has an early out it is normally due to the beginning of a break. During the winter Slater can experience some bad weather like ice and snow. With ice and snow it is very possible that Slater will not have school or be released early for safety reasons. Also if it is too cold there is a possibility that there could be a late start, so that it can warm up some before school starts. It is important for parents and students to sign up for school alerts, facebook messages, twitter, or listen to KMMO for announcements about late starts or early outs due to weather.

With a late start of 10 a.m. the doors will open at 9:45 a.m. with no breakfast being served. With early outs students are to stay until 12:08 p.m. Students and parents can use the school website <http://www.slaterschools.net/> or sign up for alerts to stay up-to-date on scheduling changes.

The History of Valentine's Day

By Shasta Fetty

Valentine's day is on Wednesday, February 14, this year. Most people celebrate Valentine's Day because they celebrate their love for others. They give flowers, candy, cards, and anything that makes the other person feel special and loved. This day is definitely about love, well that's what we say but what is the real meaning and who started this day?

During the third century in Rome there was a priest named Valentine who performed marriages. The Roman Emperor Claudius II decided that all single men would make better soldiers if they were single and had no wives or families. So, he outlawed marriage for the young men about 270 A.D. Realizing the injustice of this law, Valentine continued performing marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered by Claudius Valentine was sentenced to death, therefore he is now recognized as a martyr. This is one of the many stories that have been credited as leading to this day of celebration.

Some believe that a Christian church decided to place a St. Valentine's feast in the middle of the month of February in response to the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a festival dedicated to the Roman god of agriculture. This festival was "celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15" (History of Valentines, 2018). This festival ended at the end of the 5th century when February 14 was declared St. Valentine's Day. Many years later was when St. Valentine's Day was associated with love.

Today Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, and Australia. In the United Kingdom/Britain Valentine's Day started in the 17th century. In the 18th century it was normal for all lovers and friends to give and receive items that represented their affection. These were in the form of handwritten letters or notes. In America we began to trade and give gifts, even exchanged handmade valentines, around the early 1700s. It was not until around the 1840s that mass-produced items were sold. This practice was started by a man named Esther A. Howland.

There are thousands of people in the world today that celebrate Valentine's Day. It is important to remember that those who are alone might enjoy receiving a kind note on this special day. So when you are planning something special for the people you love extend a kind note or special gift to those who might be feeling alone.



Slater School District
Playground Improvement
5th Annual Trivia Night

Friday, March 2, 2018 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30

Martin Community Center

Marshall, MO

***BYO Drinks and Snacks**

****Silent Auction**



Teams consisting of no more than 8 members may register by calling the school at **660.529.2278** ext. **103**. Cost is **\$100** per team. Space is limited to the first 25 teams. Teams must be registered no later than February 23, 2018



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Slater Theater Arts

You're Making A Scene!

A collection of scenes by Bryan Starchman. All ably performed by Slater Theater Arts troupe of actors. Comedic scenes and monologues makes for some good fun. Come join in on the entertainment.

Performance Date and Times

Friday February 23rd– 6:30 PM Performance Time

Saturday February 24th– Matinee time 3:00 PM Performance Time

Ticket Prices are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 At Door.

Early Out, Late Start, or Emergency Procedures
By Ben Newman

November



The November Star Student was awarded for displaying curiosity:

PreK-
Bracken Schure
Brooklyn Schure

Kindergarten-
Austyn Bloomfield
Kimber Durham

First Grade-
Cade Breshears
Grace Moore

Second Grade-
Jayden Clements

Third Grade-
Christopher McDaniel
J.J. Collins

Fourth Grade-
Nicholas Abney

Fifth Grade-
Isom Ritchie
Layton Owens
Madison Prysock
Mya White

December



The December Star Student was awarded for displaying honesty:

PreK- Kylie King
Lucas Lee

Kindergarten-
Malakhi Smith

First Grade-
Jaelyn McClintock
Vance Hemeyer

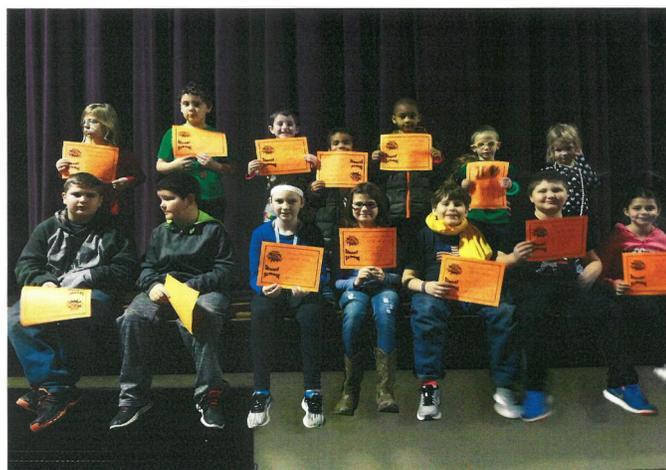
Second Grade-
Payton Zdybel

Third Grade-
Jourden Johnson
Ahliah Lewis

Fourth Grade-
Jalen Knox
Ben Gochenour
Corbin Pratt

Fifth Grade-
Alexandria Sanders
Chase Hemeyer
Ellie DeWeese

January



The January Star Student was awarded for displaying enthusiasm:

PreK-
Aryannah Kruger
Skyler Fry

Kindergarten-
Ryker Arni
Zi'Rian Harker

First Grade-
Lonnie French
Stephanie Wohlgemuth

Second Grade-
Keegan Holt

Third Grade-
Brooke Moulds
Madalyn Gochenour

Fourth Grade-
Conner Reeves
Raylyn Williams

Fifth Grade-
Hailey Harry
Brayden Kruger
Lillian McDaniel
Lucas Leeware
Noah Watt



Presidents' Day

By Aubry Meyer

Presidents' Day is an American holiday when we honor George Washington and all the presidents' of the U.S. This day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February, even though President George Washington's birthday is actually February 22.

The story of Presidents' Day began in 1800. After George Washington's death in 1799, his birthday in February became a remembrance day for Washington. At this time, Washington was seen as the most important figure in American history. In 1752, Britain and its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732. Presidents' Day still wasn't a federal holiday until 1879, but then it was originally established in 1885. Some people call this day Washington's birthday and others may call it Presidents' Day. It is one of the eleven permanent holidays established by Congress. This day was on Washington's actual birthday until they made some changes. This change was called "The Uniform Monday Holiday Act." Officials believed that if they moved the recognition of his birthday to a Monday it would be a way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. Also at this time, they could combine both Washington and Lincoln's birthdays which was February 12, 1809.

To honor the presidents on this day each year some teachers have educational activities for kids to do in their classrooms. Patriotic groups and the Boy Scouts of America also hold celebrations on the day similar to those on like Independence Day. Presidents' Day is traditionally viewed as a time of patriotic celebration and remembrance. So on Presidents' Day take time to remember the historical men that are honored on this special day.

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