



# TIGER PRIDE

FEBRUARY 18, 2022

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY BREAK

February 21 to 25

### WINTER CARNIVAL

March 1st



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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Wow, that was a fast month! Winter weather is still with us, however I am looking forward to the signs of spring that will arrive very soon. Students were able to celebrate the 100th day of school with activities within their classrooms.

A few important reminders:

- Pooled testing will begin on Monday, February 28th for those who chose to sign up. If you did not sign your child up for pooled test, but are interested, it isn't too late. Just fill out the paperwork previously sent home and we can add your child's name for the next round of testing. For questions regarding pooled testing please contact the district nurse.
- Parent drop off is from 7:50 - 8:05. If you need to drop your child off before 7:50 you will need to park in the parking lot across from the school. When parents arrive early it hinders the bus schedule. I appreciate your help with this matter. If you have questions please contact me in the office.

**Myla Kreider, Morse Principal**

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Rose Lagasse, Lucas Ashland, Ryker McClure, Ava Whitcomb, Hunter Hopkins, Amaru Potter, Savannah Cyr, Ivy Mclver, Lillith Racine, Jaxon McClure, Lillith Racine, Connor Hodgdon, Alex Braley, Evelyn Van Duysen, Alice McCormick, Jed Tibbetts, Cylus Johnson, Selena Van Sickle, Pip Eastham, Remington Smith, Ava Whitcomb, Justice Peavey

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February is such a fun month! We were so excited to celebrate the 100th day of Kindergarten with lots of games, songs, and a tasty 100th Day snack. February is also Dental Health month, and we've been learning about how to keep our smile healthy. We have also had so much fun learning about how engineers solve problems and build things. It was pretty awesome to see all the creations our little engineers designed during our bridge building challenge!



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b> <b>Miss Chase</b> <i>hchase@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>It seems that the month of February has flown by quickly in fourth grade! We are finishing up our unit on fraction equivalence in math. We are continuing to work on our informational writing pieces about animals. Students have been enjoying researching their animals and will soon have some fabulous writing pieces to share! We also recently celebrated completing our reading responses with a special treat! Students have been increasing reading stamina as well as comprehension. We continue to read Scholastic News during science and social studies as well as various other non-fiction articles. Students continue working on a Book of Knowledge about topics such as geography and presidents.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guidance</b> <b>Mrs. Moring</b> <i>cmoring@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>This month is Guidance we have been discussing making healthy choices. Topics have included nutrition, sleep habits, hygiene and self confidence.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gardening</b> <b>Mrs. Johnston</b> <i>djohnston@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>In kindergarten, we concluded a unit on the five senses with a Taste the Rainbow taste test. Yum! We're now investigating what happens in the garden in the four seasons. First graders are learning all about farms of the past and present. We made homemade butter and dyed fleece! Second graders transplanted corn from their living necklaces and wrote "How To" books on the process. Job well done by all students! We learned about pruning techniques in fifth grade and started pruning our apple trees. Due to the alternating schedule and early release day, I haven't met with third and fourth graders yet, but I've got fun in store for us! Think spring!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KG</b> <b>Mrs. McKinney</b> <i>tmckinney@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>This month we celebrated the 100th day of school. We made 100th day glasses and crowns, and had a parade in our room. We counted to 100 with buttons, we did 100 exercises: jumping jacks, big step, small step, arm twirls, monkey swing, alligator jaws, dino steps, penguin waddle, skip and flapped out wings, and we counted 100 shapes.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b> <b>Mrs. Braley</b> <i>jbraley@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>February is the shortest month of the year but sure can feel like the longest! In second grade we have begun two digit addition. Students are learning to regroup using the traditional method, base ten blocks, expanded form, and a number line. We are using our knowledge of adding tens to help make the process make sense. I am proud of everyone's perseverance! When things get hard, we practice and work together! No giving up in grade 2! We are also doing awesome in reading as well! All second grade learners are working on phonics skills that will help them improve their reading and writing skills. Think spring! We want more outside time!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b> <b>Miss Beth</b> <i>blacasse@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>5th grade was busy in February, studying song lyrics for our monthly book share. Each student picked their favorite song and studied the lyrics to find the reoccurring theme and symbols. Most students chose to create an album cover displaying the information that they found. Some were brave and chose to sing their songs to us. One student even played her ukulele while she sang. Our presentation day turned into a dance party! We all had a blast!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title 1</b> <b>Mrs. Whitcomb</b> <i>nwhitcomb@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>Title One Teachers have been making plans for a winter math challenge. Students will be going home soon with some Play and Take Math Games for family's to play together and keep at home. Parent information will be included, so be on the look out for it!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b> <b>Miss S</b> <i>vstucdholme@rsu3.org</i></p>	<p>What a whirl wind 3rd grade has been. We have been so busy working on biographies, writing about inventors and just overall investigating. The kids are absolutely excited about creating their own inventions and sharing them with the class. This group of kiddos are excelling and working so hard on creating a positive, safe, and fun place to learn that it truly warms my heart!</p>

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Winter has been busy in First Grade! We did some winter assessments too and I am so excited to see the progress many students are making in spelling, writing, reading, and math. I have adjusted word work and reading groups according to the skills your child is working on now. I would be happy to discuss your child's progress over the phone or via Zoom if you are interested. Please send in a note or email me and we can set up a time to conference. We recently finished writing nonfiction chapter books telling facts and information about various topics. I hope you got a chance to read some of the books your child brought home. We shared with many teachers and staff here at Morse Memorial and with the second graders. The first graders were excited to get feedback-glow and grows from their peers and other adults. Glows are things you enjoyed about their writing and think that they did well and a Grow is a suggestion of something they might try or do next as a writer. We are now working on writing friendly letters. Ask your child to tell and show you the parts of a friendly letter. They are having fun writing to their friends, family, and staff members at Morse Memorial School. After February vacation we will work on writing opinion pieces. In science we are learning about the water cycle. Evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection (accumulation) are part of the water cycle. Can your child tell you the parts of the water cycle and what happens in each part? As scientists we will use tools to conduct investigations, gather data, and answer questions. Last week we did one experiment about clouds. In Math we are learning about various addition strategies to help us solve equations within 20. The strategies include Counting On, Making 10, Add in Any Order or Greater Addend First Strategy, Doubles, Doubles +1, and Doubles-1. Some students are also using manipulatives to help them solve, like counters and ten frames, connecting cubes, or their 100 charts for counting on or taking away. I encourage you to have your child practice their addition facts and double facts so they are more fluent with their facts and accurate with their math work. We are looking forward to spring and more opportunities to take our learning outside!