



Principal’s Message:

Today marks the 101st day of school. Students celebrated the 100th day yesterday with lots of different math activities and discussion about how life looked 100 years ago. Yesterday also began the staff’s book read of “Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics.” We are learning about different strategies to engage students in critical thinking during math instruction. If you are interested in learning more, you can listen to a short podcast from the author [here](#).

We have a few big events coming up next week. First, **Valentine’s Day** is next Wednesday. As a general rule, if your child’s classroom is celebrating Valentine’s Day, please make sure that your child includes all students. If your Valentine cards include candy/food (store bought only), teachers will send these home at the end of the day. There is also a PD day next Tuesday, February 13th. **There is no school** for students on that day. Staff will be collaborating with other district grade-level teams to revisit grade-level competencies and learning targets. This is really the first chance this year for all district teams to discuss how curriculum changes are working at each grade level and content areas. Next Friday is the **PTO Lip Sync**. Students have been working hard with Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Allen to prepare their acts for this event. Please consider attending to support Simonds students and the PTO. If you do attend, it is important to remember that this is not a school event. Teachers and staff are there to support their students and not to manage behavior. Please remind your children to be a respectful audience while they are in attendance.

Simonds is also working on two, special projects this month. First, all classrooms are working on **Simonds Loves Synonyms** this month. We are working to identify synonyms of various words throughout the month. This is part of an initiative to increase student vocabulary. Last month, we worked on homonyms. Many of us are taking a reading course called LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling). In this course we are learning about the importance of a strong vocabulary in reading comprehension. Lastly, Simonds is celebrating **Random Acts of Kindness** Month. Next week, students and staff will be recognizing acts of kindness that they see throughout the school.

We are beginning the process of **kindergarten registration**. If you have a child who will be starting kindergarten next year, please reach out to Mrs. Grimes in the main office. Or, if you know of another family that may not receive this newsletter, please let them know to call us. For now, it is important for us to get a general count of our kindergarten numbers so that we can plan classes. Later in the year, we will plan a chance for our incoming students to meet the teachers and other students.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events. If not, I hope you have a great February break.

Important Dates:



Tuesday, 2/13 - No School - Teacher Professional Day

Thursday, 2/15 - Lip Sync Dress Rehearsal at Town Hall - right after school

Friday, 2/16 - Lip Sync at Town Hall - 6:00 pm

Monday, 2/19 - WE HAVE SCHOOL

****NO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB****

Wednesday, 2/21 - 4th Grade NAEP Testing

Friday, 2/23 - NO LEGO CLUB

Monday, 2/19 - Friday, 2/23 - Spirit Week

Monday - Presidents Day (red, white, blue)

Tuesday - Favorite Book/Movie Character

Wednesday - Wacky Hat/Hair Day

Thursday - School Spirit Day
wear blue & gold

Friday - Winter Carnival - dress in layers

February Break - 2/26 - 3/1



Simonds Spirit Week - Monday, 2/19 - Friday, 2/23

Winter Carnival - Friday, February 23 - Please reach out to the main office if you would like to volunteer!

Simonds School will be celebrating spirit week with the following themes:

Monday - Presidents Day - Wear Red, White, & Blue

Thursday - School Spirit Day - Wear Blue & Gold

Tuesday - Favorite Book/Movie Character

Friday - Winter Carnival - Dress In Layers

Wednesday - Wacky Hat/Hair Day

There will be a break station where students will have hot cocoa, rice krispie treat, s'mores cookie and roast marshmallows for s'mores. **Please make sure your student comes to school prepared to be outside for several hours of fun (snow pants, coat, hat, mittens and boots).**



SIMONDS PTO HAPPENINGS

SIMONDS SCHOOL 6TH ANNUAL LIP SYNC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

6:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION DONATIONS ACCEPTED

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

PROCEEDS GO TO THE SIMONDS SCHOOL PTO



Did you know that Simonds School collects BoxTops through the boxtop app. Read more [HERE](#) about ways you can donate to our school.



WYSA NEWS: Baseball and Softball registration is open for the 2024 season in Warner. Please go to Warnersports.org to register. Indoor practices begin the week of March 5th. All children must be registered in order to participate. Please remember to update your child's jersey size when re-registering from past years. More information on the schedule, teams, coaches and times will be sent out to registered players at the end of February.



Boys & Girls Club News:

Boys & Girls Club will be open on Tuesday, 2/13 for the KRSD Professional Development Day at the New London site but closed on Monday, 2/19 for staff training. Please let the Simonds Office know what dismissal plans are for your student(s) for Monday, 2/19. Summer Camp is just around the corner and registration is now open as well as before/after school care for the 24-25 school year. Spots fill up fast. Be sure to get in on the early bird pricing for summer. Go to NHYouth.org to register. You can also reach out to Justin at bleakley@nhyouth.org with questions.

Vacation Week is February 26 - March 1! Our program hours at Simonds School will be 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please sign up at NHYouth.org Be sure to bring a lunch!



Message from Pillsbury Free Library

Message from Miss Sue: Pokemon Club will meet Tuesday, February 13th even though it is a professional development day at school. Please be sure to register with Miss Sue. Drop your child off at 3pm and pick up is at 5 pm. If there is inclement weather please check to make sure the library is open. Next after school craft is Tuesday February 20th. Please be sure to sign-up with Miss Sue as well as notify Simonds School.

The Library will be closed Monday, February 19th.