

The Carden Chronicle

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From the Director's Desk: Ms. Ghonouie

February was a busy month at Carden Conservatory. We had a successful modified Open House, where we had a fantastic turn out and we are very excited that we have the Scholastic Book Fair back on campus! A big thank you to all of our Carden families for their support this unique school year, as we all worked hard to navigate all of the changes and expectations, while offering our advanced curriculum and academics for both our in-person learning and virtual options.

As always, we are very grateful for our amazing staff and wonderful families. We are looking forward to all of the fun-filled themes for Dr. Seuss Week (Read Across America Week) to start off the next month. Here is hoping for health and happiness for everyone as we head into March!

Upcoming EVENTS

Monday, March 1st -
Friday, March 5th

Read Across
America Week

Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday
Observed
(Carden will be closed)

Monday, April 5th -
Friday, March 9th

Spring Break
(Carden will be closed)

Monday, May 3rd -
Friday, May 7th

Teacher
Appreciation Week

HAPPY
birthday

February

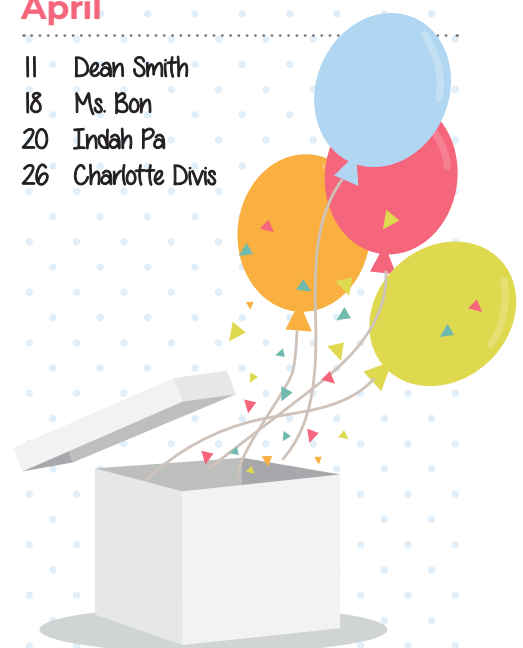
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- 6 Olivia Burnham
- 7 Jorgie Mendoza & Paige Statton
- 16 Ms. Letcher
- 17 Cotton Kim-Owens
- 22 Saylor & Ruby Holloway
- 23 Theodore Balk
- 27 Sai Patel
- 28 Kallen Smith

March

- 7 Belen Bui
- 9 Matthew Remington
- 10 Dean Shoga
- 14 Amberleigh Olson
- 17 Payton Fisher & Angela Nguyen
- 23 Jana Saade
- 30 Liv Thompson

April

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Preschool

In February, the Junior Kindergarten class was busy learning all the letters and their sounds and practicing printing letters and numbers. They really have been enjoying lessons in art appreciation these past few weeks as well. The children in the pre-primary class and in the 2 and 3 year old program have also been very busy learning shapes, numbers, letters and also practicing to follow verbal directions and work on their listening skills. They all enjoy the fun art projects, circle time, music and Spanish every week!



Kindergarten: Mrs. Metz

The Kindergarten class had a fun Valentine's lunch and party. The students enjoyed giving Valentine cards and treats to each other. The students learned about Groundhog Day and what it means when the groundhog sees his shadow. We watched for the news from Punxsutawney Phil (the groundhog from Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania) and Phil did see his shadow. The story goes that if Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. The Kindergarteners are learning things red, white and blue. They are learning about our country, American history, and American symbols such as: The Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty, Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. For science, the students erupted a plastic volcano, using vinegar, red food coloring and baking soda. For "z" week the students used Ziti pasta to make designs and letters of the alphabet. I read books about the Gingerbread Boy/Man and Gingerbread Girl. The students compared what was the same and different in each of the books. To finish off our Gingerbread Unit, all the K students frosted and decorated a gingerbread cookie. In the month of March, the students will learn about the weather.

1st Grade: Ms. Vardeman

February arrived with cool, windy, days full of love and delectable chocolates. Open House was a success! It was a pleasure to have so many families visit and see what your children do during the day. I enjoyed talking to many of you. Thank you for coming. First graders continue to become fluent readers with practice every day. Soon we start Reader's Theater, where every child has a part in reading short skits. This month, we focused on money, community, The United States Symbols and animal habitats. All of this, as we create our own community, learn all the state's names in alphabetical order, do daily reading, practice math facts with beginning geometry, and conduct science experiments. First graders are working diligently on their garden weeding, watering, and replanting. Spring is on its way! Many little baby bunnies find their home in Carden's Garden, and we look forward to seeing some this year!



2nd Grade: Mrs. Lambert

The month of February has been filled with celebrations for 2nd grade. On the 8th we celebrated Lunar New Year. We read a fun story about Ruby and her grandmother and made lanterns. A few of the students even made dumplings to eat at home! On the 10th we participated in the 100th day of School. We listened to the story *100 Day Worries*, decorated crowns with 100 stars, and counted to 100. The students also enjoyed both giving and receiving Valentines, while we feasted on delicious treats and watched a movie. Throughout the month, we have read and learned about Punxsutawney Phil, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln. We have continued learning our multiplication facts and practiced our cursive writing. Soon we will be doing all of our work in cursive!

3rd Grade: Mr. Henderson

Third Grade continues learn exciting things! The students continue to learn at a fast pace as we prepare for the fourth grade by facing more academic challenges. The students have been learning higher level concepts in math and language arts. They have also completed three book reports and are looking forward to completing their biography and planet projects. New spelling and vocabulary are consistently introduced on a weekly basis. The year is flying by and academic progress is being made. Third grade is an amazing journey and we remain excited about the challenges ahead!

4th Grade: Ms. Letcher

What a fun and jam-packed month this has been with Fourth Grade! After learning about California's native peoples, we traveled back to colonial California and the first Spanish explorers and missions. Students also began their research for their mission's reports. I cannot wait to see the models and illustrations of the missions they bring to life! We also had a great time celebrating the Lunar New Year, learning about the traditions of the Lunar New Year, the year of our births, and making Valentine's Day fortune cookies for our friends and family. We also used Valentine's Day to explore fractions, ratios, and probability using Valentine's Day candy; a sweet treat for student's hard work! This month students have been writing an opinion paper on the question whether or not animals belong in zoos. Students have made great arguments for both sides of this debate; it's hard for me to settle on which side I'm on now! All of this, plus preparing for the Open House, made for a busy month, but it was all worth it to see students showcase their hard work to their families. As always, I am so proud of Fourth Grade's efforts, determination, and resilience this year. Here we come, March!



Ms. DeLoa

February was such a fun month for the junior high. We had amazing Valentine's Day parties in all of the classrooms. Thank you parents, for always being so generous in donating yummy treats for our parties. Thank you students, for all the sweet Valentines. The junior high is continuing to rehearse for their spring play in drama class. Ms. Ghonouie and I haven't figured out all the specifics yet, like the performance date, but as soon as we sort it all out, we will let you know. It will more than likely be an outside performance and everyone will be socially distanced. We shall take all necessary precautions so everyone will continue to be healthy and safe. I am really looking forward to this performance. It's a really cute play and I would like more than anything to have your children perform it for you!



Spanish: Ms. Garza

Hello Familia Carden. I hope everything is going well for everyone. The month of February was very interesting and the students did a very good job in Spanish class. I am so proud of the 8th grade kids for creating a presentation in Spanish for the elementary kids on the occasion of Valentine's Day. The little ones participated by answering in Spanish to the questions asked from the 8th grade, and had fun singing and dancing. All Junior High students made their own dictionary to present on Open House day. They learned new ways to write in a word document, organize the content and follow the alphabetical order. Elementary students continued learning new vocabulary about parts of the body, food, days and months, animals and colors. Thank you very much for all your support. Stay safe and sound.

Mrs. Hashin

I would like to thank all of the parents who attended Open House. It was so good to meet many of you for the first time. It's fun to show off the students' hard work. Hopefully, you were able to glimpse what next year's class will be doing in history. February is gone and we are heading into March. All of the history classes are delving into history with hands-on activities. The fifth, sixth, and eighth grades are all doing pocket folders. Fifth grade is exploring the American Revolution. Sixth grade is examining ancient Greece. Eighth grade is probing the American Civil War. Seventh grade is working on a Minecraft project having to do with the Medieval times. The sixth grade Gods and Goddesses Posters were phenomenal! Fifth grade outdid themselves with their American Revolution Hero project. In math the students are reviewing what they learned in the first five chapters. The math has been very challenging. Math is all about repetition. We shall be moving into chapter 6 the first week in March. Eighth grade will finish *The Last of the Mohicans* and start their comprehension project the beginning of March. All of the debate classes will debate the issue of doing chores and earning an allowance. All of the debate classes agreed that the pros won for wearing uniforms to school, though some students vehemently disagreed.

Ms. Rohren

Wow! I cannot believe how quickly February passed on by! Although it was a short month, we made sure to learn quite a bit in Junior High. In Earth Science, we made models of the ocean floor, created a group of imaginary rubber ducks lost at sea and chose the currents on which they traveled to reach their destination, and have built on prior knowledge to observe how the wind and other energy forms affect our oceans. In Literature, we have concluded our reading of George Orwell's 1984. The class wrote wonderful essays comparing the book to events that have recently taken place in today's society. All of the Junior High students have dug into their country roots over the past two months as we learned a couple of line dances in each class.

Music: Ms. Murga

February was a very busy month at Carden, because this is the time that we were getting ready for Open House. The students were able to finish their music theory tests and seatwork, as well as their music arts and instruments of the orchestra. The preschool enjoyed coloring the picture of Mozart when he was six years old. The Kindergarten were very delighted to paint the picture of Beethoven and the First and Second grade worked hard drawing the face of Beethoven, as well as writing short sentences about him. The Third grade students learned about the life of Johann Sebastian Bach and they were challenged to draw the face of Bach. They also finished the review test about Bach. The Fourth grade students learned about George Frederic Handel and they did the same thing. The students will continue to craft their own musical instruments based on the family they learned in class. The students will keep exploring and learning about the elements of music. Marvin Blickenstaff, a great music teacher and mentor, stated that *"Beautiful music has the power to change us as human beings. The gift of music lasts a lifetime."*

Mr. Wilkinson

Hello Carden families. February came and passed quickly. It seemed as though it was over before it began. I am happy to report we have been able to continue in person learning throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. This past month, 8th grade students have continued to prepare themselves for high school in algebra. Most recently, students are learning how to solve both simple and complex rational expressions. In science, students learned about atoms, elements and the periodic table. 7th grade students have learned a variety of mathematical concepts throughout February. These concepts include (but are not limited to) the Pythagorean Theorem, and using the slope intercept method to graph linear equations. Students are currently learning the scientific names of the bones in the human body. 6th grade students continue to excel in math learning concepts from the coordinate system to using rates, ratios and proportions in real life situations. 5th grade students also learned a little about the Periodic Table, how to read an element card, parts of an atom, chemical formulas and subscripts.

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