



# *The Timberwolf Times*

March 2025

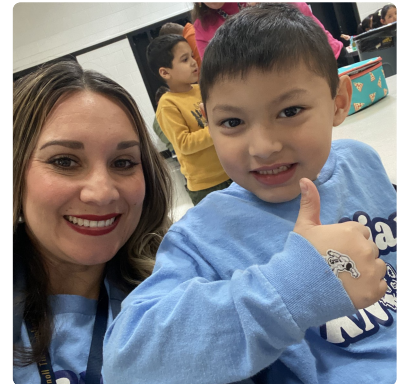
## *A Message from the Principal*

Dear IK Families,

I can't believe it is already March! We have less than 60 days left of school, this last trimester will fly by and I am looking forward to finishing this school year strong! Please read below for some very important updates this month.

### IAR:

This month, our 3rd-5th graders will be completing the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). This is composed of two (2) English Language Arts and three (3) Math sections. Students will complete only one section in a day. We begin testing on March 12th and will finish on March 21st. Any student who misses a section will need to make it up upon their return to school. Please try to get your students to school every day, it is much less disruptive to them and to their class when they can test with their classmates, rather than getting pulled out at a separate time to test. Please ensure students have breakfast each morning, they can eat at home or at school. This will provide them with the energy they need to do their best.



### PBIS Update:

The students have spoken and they chose Stuffed Animal Day as their PBIS whole school celebration!! Moving forward, we will have "Fun Friday" celebrations once a month for all students who have earned enough Den Dollars. As a reminder, students earn Den Dollars by following our IK Core Values. Any adult in the building can pass out Den Dollars. Please speak with your child(ren) about what our core values are and what they can do to demonstrate them at school.

### 5Essentials:

The 5Essentials Parent Survey is now open and will close on March 28th. If you have not done so, please take the time to complete this survey for Indian Knoll. Your feedback is valuable in continuing to make improvements for our staff and students. **THANK YOU** to those who have already completed it. You can click on this link to complete the survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>.

### **25-26 Registration:**

Registration for the 25-26 school year is underway. All returning students in grades K-5 should be registered by March 28th. Students who have completed registration will get a bubble wand! There will be two in-person registration events at Lemay Middle School from 6:00-8:00pm on March 11th and March 18th. If you can't attend either of these sessions but need help with registration, please contact our main office for support.

### **Spirit Week:**

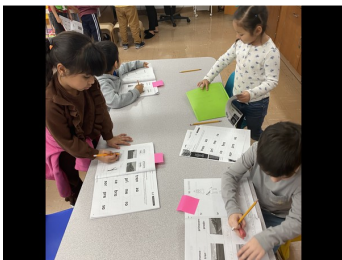
We will have spirit week March 24th-28th to get us ready for Spring Break! Keep an eye out for more information.

I am looking forward to closing out this year strong. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration! I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing spring break with your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Del Toro

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## ***Our Busy Classrooms***



### **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten Families,

Remember time changes Sunday March 9th Spring ahead.

Bilingual classrooms are officially done with ACCESS Testing.

In the month of March students are doing the following...

In the classroom they will be working on the following units:

In Math students will continue to work on Eureka Math Module #4, all the way to the end of March. Students continue to work with Number Pairs, Addition and Subtraction to 10. As well as reviewing number identification counting by fives and tens.

In our Monolingual and Dual Language Classroom for Language Arts we are wrapping up on Knowledge unit #7 Kings and Queens. Then students will start working on Knowledge unit #8 Seasons and Weather. All dual classrooms will finish the school year giving the Knowledge lessons only in English. In skills students are working on Skills unit #8. In this unit students are introduced to fourteen new double-letter spellings for consonant sounds and four new high frequency Tricky words.

Dual classrooms have started incorporating UFLI lessons into their daily routines.

In our Dual Language Classrooms students are working on Lectoescritura students will be wrapping up unit #6 and start on unit #7. In unit #7 students will be introduced to six new consonants, their sounds and writing. This unit will also cover reading, writing, and new high frequency words.

SPRING BREAK STARTS 3/31-4/4.

Kindergarten Teachers,  
Mrs. Rooney, Ms. Pinto, & Mrs. Calderón.



## 1st Grade

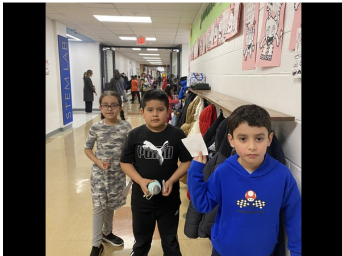
Hello First Grade Families,

We are officially done with testing! Thank you for all of your support!

During language arts we are working on blending and segmenting words to help us with our daily writing. In addition, we are also working on our fluency and reading comprehension skills. In our Knowledge Unit we are studying The History of the Earth. Students will learn the features of the earth's surface and characteristics of its layers. First graders will also learn about the North and South Poles and the equator.

In math we continue to work on Module 4. We have been learning how to use our knowledge of place value to compare numbers using greater than, less than and equal to symbols. First graders are also using the making ten strategy for addition of numbers to 40. We will also be learning how to use tape diagrams to solve story problems.

We hope everybody has a wonderful Spring Break!



## 2nd Grade

Hello 2nd grade families!

Students have finished testing this month. Yay!

In math we are starting to work with arrays and repeated addition. The students will get an introduction to multiplication.

On knowledge we will be learning about the Insects and the Civil War.



## 3rd Grade

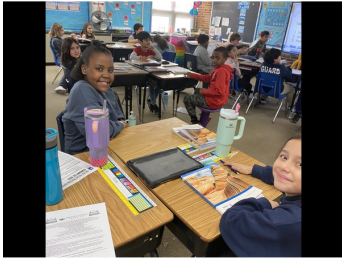
Hello 3rd grade families!

We are just ending our Viking unit and it was SO fun! The students did a quest to find resources like real Vikings. They also learned how to write a descriptive paragraph about a Viking character. We are excited to start our next unit about astronomy and the solar

system. The students will be reading and writing a lot for different purposes.

In math, we have started to learn about fractions. This is a great opportunity to cook with your child at home to learn about fractions in real life. Please make sure students are practicing their math facts at home.

Next month students will take the IAR test. It is really important for them to sleep well, try their best and take their time.



## **4th Grade**

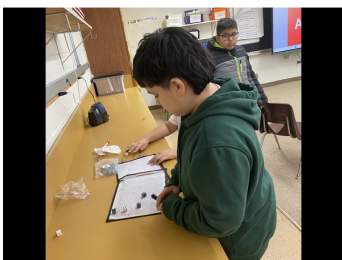
Hello 4th Grade Families!

We are almost done with testing! Students will participate in IAR Testing the week of March 11th. Please review with your student the importance of taking their time and reading all questions carefully.

In math we continue to work on Fractions. Students will be learning about simplifying, adding, subtracting, and finding equivalent fractions. This is a great opportunity to have your student help you make dinner or bake a treat to practice fractions.

During language arts, we finish up our Geology Unit and will be moving on to the American Revolution. Students will continue to work on their writing, grammar, and morphology skills during this unit. Students will learn that disagreements about principles of government led colonists in North America to seek independence from Great Britain.

In science students will be continuing to learn about Earth's features and processes. Students will investigate the features and processes of Earth's surface, explore the rapid process of volcanic eruptions, and continue to demonstrate their knowledge about weathering and erosion.



## **5th Grade**

Hello 5th Grade Families,

In the month of March we will continue testing for IAR and will finish on the 11th. It is important that students are present in school and try their best by taking their time.

In reading we will be in our 7th unit of Amplify where students are learning about William Shakespeare, a well known poet students will continue to see throughout their education. Throughout this unit students will read, write, act, direct, design, and watch A Midsummer Night's Dream.



In science we have started Unit 4: Patterns in the Night Sky. Students will learn about the type of forces that exist, how gravity affects things on or near Earth, examples of gravity on Earth, how Earth's rotation causes night and day, and why different constellations and the sun are visible at different seasons of the year.

In math we are halfway through Eureka Module 4. In this module students learn to multiply fractions and decimal fractions and start work with fraction division. Students will begin by measuring fractional parts on a number line as a concrete way of understanding fractional parts of a whole, and eventually move to more abstract fraction operations.



## **Art**

In March, Kindergarten will start opening a new Drawing Center! They have been doing such a wonderful job with their centers and being responsible!

1st Grade will learn about sculpture, create a pinch pot, and practice paper sculpture techniques.

2nd and 3rd grade will start learning about fiber arts such as weaving. They will learn how to tie knots and complete a small weaving project.

4th grade will start their clay projects with creative freedom. They will utilize pinch pots, slabs, and coils to create their clay sculptures.

5th grade will explore another fiber arts option such as embroidery.



## **Music**

KG will be differentiating between high and low sounds.

1st gr will be singing, playing, composing and reading Sol-Mi patterns on the two line staff.

2nd gr will be singing, playing, composing and reading La-Sol-Mi patterns on the three line staff.

3rd gr will be singing, playing, composing and reading La-Sol-Mi-Re-Do patterns on a 5 line staff.

4th grade will continue with recorder and reading, playing and composing using B, A, G on the 5 line staff.

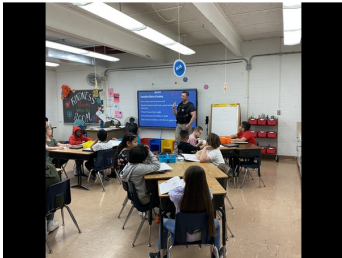
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## PE

3rd-5th Grade will be learning floor hockey. They will practice stick handling(dribbling), passing and shooting. They will then play games working on those skills.

K-2nd grades will be learning how to play hockey with foam sticks and a ball. They will work on how to hold the stick properly. They will also learn how to pass and shoot at a net safely.



## SEL/Health

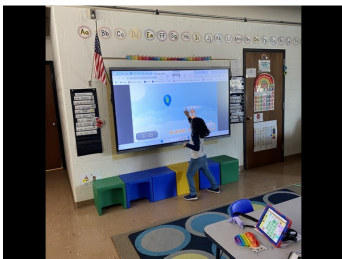
Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade and 4th grade have been learning about disease and illness. 3rd grade and 5th grade have been learning about decision making with Officer O'Neil.

Next month, kindergarten- 5th grade will be learning about safety.



## Library

In library, we continue to share literature from the Monarch And Bluestem Readers' Choice Awards. We have shared some amazing stories, the most recent being about a woman named Angela Haseltine Pozzi who has made 80 amazing, giant sculptures of Marine animals who are at risk due to plastic in our ocean by using plastic that has washed up on the beach near her home. In March, students will be voting for their favorite. K-3 students vote for the Monarch Readers' Choice Award and 3-5 vote for the Bluestem Readers' Choice Award.



## Primary Cross-Cat

Hello Families,

For our dual language students, ACCESS testing is officially done!

In the month of March we will change our focus in literacy to explore the world of outer space. Our story for this unit is called, "Sky Pup Explores the Sun". We will continue to work on new vocabulary words as well as sight words and comprehension skills. IEP goals will also continue to be a focus for all of our students.

In Math, we finished up measurement, and started 2D and 3D shapes. We will finish up shapes and jump into telling. We will work on digital and analog clocks, and discuss schedules and times of the day.

As a reminder, SPRING BREAK STARTS 3/31-4/4. We hope everyone has a great break!

In March we will be exploring the different forms of energy and how they are used. Students also learn how electricity contributes to daily life.

Students will learn to identify appliances that need electricity to work. In Math, we will be exploring time, schedules, day time, night time, time management, AM/PM, telling time.



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## Upcoming Events



March 12th-21st- IAR Testing (3rd-5th graders only)

March 13th- PTO Meeting (5:30-6:00)

March 15th- Attendance Brunch (10:00-12:00pm)

March 31st- April 4th- No School (Spring Break)

April 7th- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)

April 10th- PTO Meeting (5:30-6:00)

April 18th- No School (Good Friday)

April 29th- D33 STEM Fair (4th and 7th grade only)

May 2nd- Trimester 3 Midterms

May 5th-9th- Staff Appreciation Week

May 6th- (Spanish) Parent Cafe at Gary (6:00-8:00pm)

May 8th- PTO Meeting (5:30-6:00)

May 8th- (English) Parent Cafe at Gary (6:00-8:00pm)

May 15th- IK Literacy Night (6:00-8:00) Chorus Concert (5:30-6:00)

May 17th- Bloom Fest

May 26th- No School (Memorial Day)

June 9th- 1st-4th Grade Awards Ceremony (Save the date!- more info to come!!)

June 10th- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony and Picnic (Save the date!- more info to come!!)

June 11th- Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony (Save the date!- more info to come!)

June 12th- Last Day of School!!

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