

February 18, 2016

Dear Parents,

Each school year has a fierce yet healthy rhythm to it. It seems no week is the same and that we always have something we anticipate. This four week run-up to Spring Break is no different. Here is a principal's-eye-view of what, when and why.

Today and tomorrow the Second Grade Musical, "Nuts!" will be performed. A whole-school delight, it is also a whole-school effort to provide space for this performance and audience experience for Bridge Pointers. Certainly the Music teachers, Second Grade teachers and PE/Art teachers are directly affected. The morning assembly, specific schedules and academic days get adjusted. It's all worth it. We have performed this musical before and it is a blast. I think when I am 90, the memory of the image of our second graders performing the tune "Big, Bad Squirrels" will still bring a smile.

Next week is Bingo Night. To many it is the most fun night of the year! Bingo Night is "Yuge", total energy, nail-biting anticipation (bit of innate gambling nature in all of us, I observe!) and pure fun. I hope you join us. The gym/cafeteria will be wall-to-wall with hundreds of students and families...and one very wary principal. It is a special sight and a ton of fun. I hope you can join us Thursday, February 25. Doors, concessions and food begin at 5:00 PM; Bingo begins at 5:30 PM. To save yourselves tons of hassle, go to the HUB right now and pre-purchase your bingo cards. Online sale of cards closes Monday.

By the way, Bingo Night is a No Homework Night and Friday, the next day, is a Late Start Day with school beginning at 9:45 AM.

The following week begins with "Wear Denim Day" in recognition of Rare Disease Day. February 29 is quite the rare day and appropriate for us to understand more about the research and cure-pursuit challenges the medical field and victims of obscure, rare diseases face. Drew Karakourtis, brother of BPE fifth grader Grace, will help us deepen our understanding.

On Friday of the same week on March 4 from 7:30 AM– 8:45 AM is Open House. Let your child be your guide! Ask lots of questions of your docent.

And finally, the following week (week before Spring Break) will be Kite Days on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Join your children during their PE time on the soccer field and let's go fly a kite! You never know in March...One day will probably be a gale, the next completely still and the last perfect. No matter, it's always a great fun and a cool memory.

All this activity and more are squeezed into full days of teaching and learning. They provide something for everybody and deepen our connection to our school and each other.

