

Ferson Creek eNews
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 -



Valentine's Day Classroom Celebrations – **Thursday, February 14th**



Volunteers who signed up to attend our Valentine's Day classroom celebrations should plan to sign in and have their license scanned, if it has not been previously scanned just prior to the start of the celebrations tomorrow, Thursday, February 14th. Morning kindergarten will begin their celebration at 10:15 AM, morning early childhood at 10:30 AM, and afternoon early childhood & kindergarten, all day kindergarten, and 1st-4th grades at 2:00 PM.

Paint the Town Orange

This week we were invited by Random Acts Matter (RAM), a St. Charles volunteer organization to *Paint the Town Orange* through Sunday, February 17th. The organization which was established in 2016 has performed over 140 Acts to date.

Every person in D303 has been encouraged to spread kindness in any way he or she can. *Share a smile or a greeting, hold the door for someone, help at home without being asked, write a note of encouragement or thanks...the list is endless!*

In support, all Ferson Creek students and staff are encouraged to wear **orange** on Friday, February 15th.

(3rd & 5th) Academically Talented Identification

In the winter of every school year, we start the process of determining the placement of students in our Academically Talented Math (AT) Program, Academically Talented Literacy (AT) Program, and Middle School Infinity Program for the following school year. The timeline for this school year is as follows:

- Parents will be notified the week of February 25th if their child qualifies for placement testing based on Performance Series and CogAT assessment data
- For students who qualify for placement testing, the tests will be administered the week of March 11th
- Families will be notified of AT and Infinity placement decisions the week after spring break
- Families must submit appeals forms no later than April 19th
- Appeals prompts and interviews will occur April 22nd through May 3rd
- Parents will receive appeals decisions the week of May 10th

If you have any questions about the placement timeline or programming, please contact Dr. Cindy Ruesch, Director of Staff, Family and Student Services at cindy.ruesch@d303.org or (331) 228-6738.

Middle School Transfer Requests

Families who wish to submit Middle School Transfer requests may do so beginning Monday, February 4, 2019. The request form will be available on the District 303 website through Thursday, February 28, 2019. Families must complete a separate form for each student they want transferred. Requests are granted based on space available so siblings are not guaranteed placement.

Once the request is approved, a student may remain at that middle school throughout his or her middle school career, as long as the student resides in District 303.

Families of students granted permission to attend a school outside of their assigned attendance boundary are responsible for their own transportation.

Students will return to their assigned attendance area high school regardless of the middle school attended.

Photos for the Yearbook

The yearbook committee needs your photos! If you have any photos from this year's classroom celebrations, PTO events, or concerts, please send them to Paula Reed via *WeTransfer* which is a free online service that allows you to send up to 2GB at a time. You can use this program via your phone or computer, and it's as simple as putting in Paula's email address (see below), your email address, and a quick message.

Click here to send your photos --> [WeTransfer](#)

Please contact Paula Reed via email at reed810@sbcglobal.net or phone at (815) 861-8688 with any questions.

Important Date(s):

- Thursday, February 14th
 - 10:15 AM to 11:00 AM - (KamDD) Valentine's Day Classroom Celebration
 - 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM - (AM Pre-K & EC) Valentine's Day Classroom Celebrations
 - 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM - (Pre-K-5) Valentine's Day Classroom Celebrations
- Friday, February 15th - *Paint the Town Orange* - Wear Orange
- Monday, February 18th
 - President's Day - Non-Attendance Day