



Violet Newsletter

Elizabeth Netschke, Principal - Christopher Loria, Superintendent

March/April 2012

March

2..... Record Day — Dismissal 11:25 am
7..... PT Conf. PM & Evening- Dism 11:25
8..... PT Conf. PM - Dism 11:25
14..... Early Release, 1:54 pm
15..... PTC Meeting 7 pm
22..... Concert @ HS 7 pm (Gr 2 & 3)
24..... Spring Fair 11-3 pm
28..... Early Release 1:54pm
29..... Talent Show @ Rodgers 6:30 pm



April

2 thru 6..... NO SCHOOL
9..... School Resumes
11..... Early Release 1:54 pm
19..... PTC Meeting 7 pm
20..... Movie Night 6:30 pm
25..... Early Release 1:54 pm



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Dear Parents,

Here we are in March and “March is Reading Month” is upon us. We are focusing on many fun reading/writing activities. Please support your child as best as you can and read with them as much as possible. **We will kick off March is Reading Month with a reading pledge and participate in “Read Across America.”** Information on this activity can be viewed on the Internet at: www.nea.org/readacross.

Please watch for the READ ACROSS AMERICA form we will send home with your children. Fill out the form when you have **read with your child Thursday night, March 1, 2012 and return it to school Friday, March 2, 2012.** Every child will receive a certificate of participation. We have also purchased a “Star Student” pencil with a “star” eraser for all of our students to support the reading/writing connection.

Our teachers have planned multiple reading activities throughout the month. We will be enjoying book reviews on Violet TV, “wear a t-shirt or jersey with words day”, “read a hat day”, “wear a button or sticker with words day” and “Dr Seuss Day”. There will be a bookmark contest and a classroom door decorating contest. Many classroom teachers will have guest readers and mystery readers and will contact you with all the information regarding the classroom activities. **So take the time and read with your child on the kickoff day, Tuesday March 1, 2012 and every day.**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2012 in the afternoon and evening and on Friday, March 9, 2012 in the afternoon. School will be dismissed at 11:25 on Thursday and Friday.** We will follow the same schedule as we did in the fall. These conferences will be student led and will provide an opportunity for your child to showcase and report to you on his/her progress and goals. Make a point of attending the conference. This lets your child know how much you value their education. Please talk with your child after conferences about his/her areas of strengths and weaknesses and help your child finish the school year very strong academically, socially and emotionally. In the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, please continue to check and sign your student’s agenda every day. This communication tool is the best way to find out what is happening in your child’s classroom, what homework is due, and what projects and tests

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are coming up in the future. **We look forward to seeing you here with your child during your conference times.**

Our Science Olympiad Teams are practicing and preparing for the big event on May 12, 2012.. We are proud of their efforts on behalf of the whole school. Thanks to all of the parent coaches for their dedication in helping the students be successful.

A few reminders for planning during the month:

Please attend the PTC meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2012. We need your help **with the upcoming Spring Fair and Auction to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012.** We need volunteers to work that day including: set up, games, kitchen, auction and clean up. There are many jobs that may only require an hour or two. You can also support the auction by contributing items for your child's classroom theme auction basket. Your support provides for the extra activities that students participate in all year long. We look forward to seeing you at this very exciting and fun activity for our school community. Bring family, friends and neighbors.

Our PTC is seeking candidates for officers for the 2012-2013 school year. The PTC cannot function effectively on a yearly basis without having the officers in place in the spring in time to plan for the upcoming year. Our elected board consists of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections will be held in April. The new board will be able to work with the outgoing board during a transition time in May and June. The new board's responsibilities would start with the new school year. **Please think of your talents and share them with us for the sake of all our children. The PTC Elections will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012.**

Parent Input Forms for classroom placement for the 2012-13 school year may be picked up in the office starting Monday, March 26, 2012. All forms must be returned by Friday, March 30, 2012. Please read the form and provide the information requested.

If you have neighbors with young children, maybe new families to Violet, please remind them of **Kindergarten registration** that began in January. Having our kindergarten children register early helps us to adequately plan. We are offering a full-day kindergarten for anyone interested. We are holding a District wide "Kindergarten Open House" on Wednesday, evening, March 14, 2012 at Rodgers Elementary School. Please let friends and neighbors know about this event. For registered kindergarten students, the Violet Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2012.

If you have family members or friends that live in Macomb County and are interested in Lake Shore Public Schools, encourage them to apply through Schools of Choice. Come to the office to pick up a Schools of Choice Application or contact Gloria Peruski at (586) 285- 8462.

Please remember to **recycle all your newspapers**, magazines, old mail and envelopes and any other paper items you are disposing of in our **recycle bin located at the east end of our parking lot.** Violet gets a little bit of money from the recycling and we help our environment at the same time. Let your friends and neighbors know as well. Let's fill it up every week.

Our Spring break begins on Monday April 2, 2012. We return to school the following Monday, April 9, 2012.

From all of the Violet Staff, we wish you a Happy Easter and hope that you have a relaxing Spring Break. We thank you for all that you do to support your child's academic success.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Netschke

Physical Education Happenings!

I would like to thank all of the families and friends who donated their time and efforts for Jump Rope For Heart. You are so appreciated!! I will update you next month with our final total, but right now it over \$20,000.00!! Holy Cow! J I know that many children have worked incredibly hard and you are appreciated. Your thank-you gifts will arrive in 4 to 6 weeks! Congratulations, Violet School, what a wonderful accomplishment! Thank you to EVERYONE, parent volunteers, staff, and students for participating in such a lifesaving experience during the month of February.

In Physical Education class we have completed our jump rope unit where the children were evaluated on jumping consecutively with a short rope. Some cannot complete the amount expected, however, we will continue to work toward that goal. In 1st grade the number of jumps is 10; 2nd grade 20; 3rd grade 30; 4th grade 40; and 5th grade 50.

The next unit we are focusing on is basketball, dribbling, and the jump shot. Students will be working toward proficiency on these skills and participate in sideline basketball games in the upper grades. Once that unit is complete, students will be involved in a tumbling unit and a hockey unit. So much fun on the horizon! J

Special Dates to Remember:

March is Reading Month: Special days are yet to be decided for this month, so be on the lookout for them. Other dates are as follows:

March 2 nd	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day - Records Day
March 8 th and 9 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ Days - Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 7 th	Violet Spirit Day
March 21 st	Dress As Favorite Book Character Day
March 24 th	Spring Fair
March 29 th	Talent Show / Rodgers Gym / 6:30pm
March 30 th	Talent Show for Student Body / 1:45pm
April 2 nd -6 th	No School - Spring Break
April 11 th	Violet Spirit Day

Have a wonderful month-

-Happy Reading Month

J Stay Active! Lisa Decoraro! J

THE RAIN FOREST IS COMING

Violet students will be enjoying a presentation by animal trainers during the school day on Thursday, March 22. They will be learning how energy conservation and recycling will help save the beautiful animals of the rain forest.

EVENING PERFORMANCE

Thursday, March 22

Rodgers Elementary

5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

\$5 per person (Children under 3 free)

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This will be a wildly entertaining program for the entire family. Students will be able to interact with a few of these magnificent creatures. Flying macaws, talking amazons, and very mischievous monkeys will keep you laughing all night long.



Music class has been busy these past months. Here are just a few activities that we have been involved with in class:

Kindergarten and First grade children have singing and playing a Valentine game. Look for the Super Singer Awards to start coming home soon. As each student sings a solo in front of the class, they are rewarded with a special certificate. All students are very excited about this!

Second and Third graders have been working very hard to learn the musical called "E-I-E-I Oops!" **Please mark your calendars for THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd at 7pm at the Lake Shore High School Auditorium.** More information will be coming home soon.

Fourth graders have been studying the composer, Johann Sebastian Bach as well as beginning to learn their concert songs.

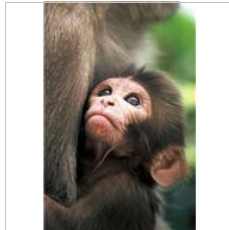
Fifth grades are working hard on their new recorders. They have learned the correct hand position and how to blow correctly and care for the recorder. For the next few weeks, we will be working on the BAG notes. Learning how to read music is very similar to that of a foreign language; it takes much patience and practice!

Violet Voices Choir: The choir will perform at the Spring concert on May 10th. More information will be coming as the date gets closer.

Attention First and Fourth grade parents... The spring concert is Thursday, May 10th in the high school auditorium. Please mark your calendars. More info will be coming as the date moves closer!

Mrs. Pavlovich-2nd Grade

Japanese Macaques By Farrah F. Here are some interesting facts about Japanese Macaques also called Snow Monkeys. Japanese Macaques like to play in the snow. They also enjoy doing snowball fights with other Japanese Macaques. Japanese Macaques live in the mountains of Japan. It is freezing there. Snow monkeys keep warm by snuggling close together. Snow monkeys also have another way to keep warm. Snow Monkeys have extra thick fur for the winter that creates a lot of body heat. Japanese Macaques are very playful. Snow monkeys enjoy throwing snowballs, cannon ball into springs, climb and leap. Snow monkeys can climb really high and leap really far. Snow monkeys are very playful! Snow monkeys live in troops. Japanese Macaques can have up to 100 snow monkeys in one troop. The Macaques snuggle together to stay warm. Japanese Macaques look kind of like a Eskimo. Japanese Macaques have a round multicolored fur ball around their head. Japanese Macaques head looks like a heart. I wish I could go to Japan to see Macaques! Japanese Macaques are so caring and playful.



Japanese Macaques Facts By Olivia K. Here are some facts about a Snow Monkey. A Japanese Macaque is also known as Snow Monkeys. Snow Monkeys live in the mountains of Japan. It is below freezing there. But the snow monkeys of Japan are warm. They are sometimes in hot springs. Japanese Macaques like to make and throw snowballs. Japanese Macaques are very playful animals. They pick up a handful of snow then they roll it up into a snowball. Then they have a snowball fight. Snow Monkeys live in groups called a troop. A troop could have up to 100 Japanese Macaques. The troops snuggle to keep warm in the mountains of Japan. Baby Japanese Ma-

themselves by trying to get bugs, lice and dirt so they can have clean and healthy fur. I think Japanese Macaques are cute and intelligent.

A Heart Is Your Lifetime By Michael

H. Keep your heart healthy by running everyday on the treadmill for 60 minutes. Smoking is bad for your heart because there is some bad things in it like what you use to clean a floor. Near 2010, people stopped smoking in restaurants. Don't sit in front of the TV all day with a bag of chips. All you are doing is weakening your heart. So....don't sit in front of the TV all day long. It hurts your heart. Eat healthy foods like apples, soup, corn and broccoli. That is healthy food. My heart is healthy. Sports to keep your heart healthy are hockey, soccer, skateboarding, tennis and softball. Those sports keep you heart healthy. Keep your heart healthy by lifting weights for 30 minutes and running for 30 minutes. Keep your heart healthy!

It Takes A Heart to Save a Heart By

Jacob M. Keep a heart healthier and eat healthy foods. In this book I am going to show you about how to keep your heart healthy. Say "No!" to smoking because it is bad for your heart. Smoking is bad for you. It will give you cancer. If you don't smoke, then your heart will be healthy. Jogging makes you heart go pump, pump and helps your heart stay healthy. Eat healthy foods that will make your heart healthy. Don't eat junk food a lot because it is bad for you heart and has a lot of sugar. Running makes your heart healthy and strong. When you are running, your heart will be healthier and it helps blood get through your arteries. If the blood can't get through your arteries, you will have a heart attack. If you drink water, it will make your heart healthy and strong. Stay healthy and strong.



Mrs. DiDonato-Shapiro – Grade 2

How to books:
From Room 9

How to make Lasagna By Morgan C.

This is how I make lasagna.
First I gather all the ingredients I need.
Two eggs, one bag a mozzarella cheese, 16 ounces of ricotta cheese, one box of noodles and one jar of sauce.
Second I mix it all together.
Third I layer the lasagna in the pan.
Then I bake my lasagna for one hour at 350 degrees.
Then I will take it out of the oven a serve the best lasagna I ever made.



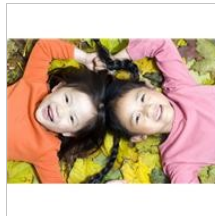
How to make a pillow By: Antionette C

This how a make a pillow.
First I gather all the stuff I need.
Second I sew the pillow on three side.
Third I put the stuffing in the pillow.
Finally I sew the pillow together.
My pillow is done.



How to make a friend By: Keira C

This is how I make a friend.
First I look around to see someone.
Then I walk up to them,
I say "Do you want to be my friend?"
Yes I want to be your friend!
Then you play together.



How to make a cupcake By Olivia D

This is how I make a cupcake.
First I gather all the ingredients I need.

Second my mommy helps me by turning on the oven 400 degrees.

We mix together the cake mix, two eggs, 1/4 cup of oil, and a little water until it is smooth enough.



Next we put in cupcake liners in the cupcake pan and fill them.
Now put them in the oven for 28 minutes.
Then we take the cupcakes out of the oven and let them cool.

Last thing I do is the best part it is decorating them.

Now you get to enjoy and eat! YUM!!!!

How to make Chicken Stir Fry By: Louis N.

To make my mom's famous chicken stir fry you will need.

Two pounds of chicken breast, one red pepper, one bag of baby carrots, a can of water chestnuts, a hand full of snow peas, one small onion, 1/4 of a cup of oil, one bottle of stir fry sauce, one large wok.

Step 2: Put wok over medium high flame add oil heat for one minute.

Step 3: Brown chicken in oil.

Step 4 Push chicken up the sides of the wok and vegetables and stir fry sauce.

Step 5 Cover and cook for ten minutes.

Step 6: Stir everything and lower heat.

Step 7: Cover wok simmer until vegetables are tender.

Step 8 Serve rice

Now I get to eat it with my family



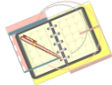


The Three Fires of Third Grade!



Mrs. Hoehing Mrs. Lagana
Mr. Shaheen

Hello Third Grade Families!

 **Math:** We finished multi-sensory math with addition and we will begin smaller group instruction with multiplication. Students need to master the concepts and the facts 1-12.

Reading: We continue to Walk to Read. All students must complete their work for their reading teacher. These are graded and returned to their homeroom teacher. We have high expectations for our students. We expect them to put their personal best and effort into their work.

ELA: WRITING! WRITING! WRITING! The National expectations for writing have increased; therefore our expectations have increased too! Your child will be expected to complete 3-4 paragraphs on a given topic. Writing at home in a journal or diary is a good idea for practice. They will need to give a general detail or statement and stretch the idea with examples/evidence. They need to do more than just provide a list, a list is not adequate.

Science: We are finishing our Animal Unit with the reports. We will move into plants.

S.S.: We have completed our focus on the Three Fires. We are moving into the European exploration. We continue with our pelt trade as this will lead us into our economics unit.

Mrs. Deckert-4th Grade

Thank you to everyone who helped make our International Feast a huge success. The food items you shared were delicious. It was great fun to sample foods from a variety of nationalities. Our adult servers were wonderful! We could not have done it without you. The students all had positive comments about the experience.

Soon we will be starting our next conceptual concept which is "Cause and Effect". In Math, we will continue with multiplication of larger numbers and begin solving division equations using inverse operations. In Science, we will be learning about the transfer of energy. In Social Studies, we will be learning about the Underground Railroad and how slavery changed the social, political, and economics of our state and nation. We are also working to add details, descriptive adjectives and strong verbs to our writing pieces.

