



February Principal Message

Dear Fales Friends,

The school year seems to be zooming along quickly. It will be the 100th day of school before we know it! We thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a positive and productive second half of the school year. Below are a few reminders and updates.

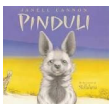


As we reach the midpoint of the school year, it is a good time to reflect on the **importance of regular on-time attendance of school**. Schools are required by law to keep track of attendance. If we identify a student whose absences exceed seven full day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions, or is otherwise exhibiting an attendance problem, which includes tardiness, we will reach out to parents/guardians to ensure they are aware. Let us all work together to ensure that school attendance for all students is regular and timely.



As we enter February we begin to prepare for our celebration of Read Across America Day. This year Fales students and staff will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day on Friday, March 2nd.

- The morning will begin with all students reciting a "Readers' Oath" in unison during our School Meeting.
- Later in the day each classroom will be visited by a Community Reader who will share a special book with the students. The book that is read will also be added to the classroom library! It is such a wonderful treat to have a special visitor read to the children! We are so thankful to our wonderful Westborough Community for sharing their time with our students!
- Students and staff are invited to wear Dr. Seuss gear to school on Friday, if you have items at home. There is no need to purchase a costume for this event. Students and adults may also wear their Fales SPIRIT wear.
- A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Finn and Mrs. Ramos for organizing the Community Reader visits!
- We are looking forward to this celebration filled day!



Our Book of the Month for February is *Pinduli* by Janell Cannon. This story is set in East Africa. The main character is a young hyena named Pinduli. There are many lessons to be learned in this story about how we see ourselves, how others see us, and how we should all treat each other with kindness and respect.



During the month of February we will focus on the character value of **Responsibility** from our Fales Code of Character. We look forward to celebrating the **Responsibility** our students demonstrate daily at school. We will also focus on the importance of taking **Responsibility** for our actions when we make a mistake. We can learn so much from our mistakes if we own them.



The Fales Diversity Council is looking forward to our Cultural Festival on Saturday, April 7th from 2-4 p.m. The festival is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a community. We will send home a notice to families soon to share ways you could help with this celebration. Thank you in advance for your support!



This month we will focus on collecting personal care items such as paper towels, toothpaste, soap, and shampoo. We will happily accept any donations. Our collection days will be from Monday, February 26 to Friday, March 2nd. To celebrate our collection efforts, we will also enjoy a Dr. Seuss Spirit Day on Friday, March 2nd. Students and staff are invited to wear any Dr. Seuss gear they may have or their Fales spirit wear. Thank you again for your ongoing support!

The following are some important dates:

- Feb. 1
- Feb. 2 Half Day for Students - Dismissal will be at 11:55. Lunch will not be served.
- Feb. 7 FPG Meeting - 9:30 a.m. - Cafeteria
- Feb. 9 Strings Concert - 2:30 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
- Feb. 13 *The Mitten* - Kindergarten Classrooms
- Feb. 13 Diversity Council Meeting - 8:00 a.m. - Library
- Feb. 14 Ukulele Club - 6 p.m. - Fales Music Room
- Feb. 15 Grade 2 Celebrates Immigration Day
- Feb. 15 Online Kindergarten Report Cards Released to Parents
- Feb.19-23 School Closed - School Vacation Week
- Feb. 26-Mar. 2 Food Pantry Collection -Personal Care Items (Soap, Shampoo, Tooth Paste)
- Feb. 27 Fales School Council Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Fales Office
- March 2 Read Across America Day / School Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

We wish everyone a fabulous February! As always, feel free to contact the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Mrs. Stannard ☺