

Physical Education (P.E.) & Health

The students have been working hard during their soccer unit in P.E. class. Kindergarten through second grade students have focused on foot dribbling control, kicking fundamentals, and very basic soccer game rules and concepts. Third through fifth grade students have worked on shooting strategies (placement of the plant foot, getting lift, reading the goalie, etc), using space within a soccer game, and game rules and strategies. Finally, the sixth through eighth grade students have worked on more advanced control of the soccer ball using their bodies, dynamic (moving) passing and dribbling versus a defender, and application of those skills during game play. In the middle of the month, the students will transition to a floor hockey unit for third through eighth grades and a fitness/tossing/aiming unit for kindergarten through second grades.

Please also note that our state-mandated sexual health education will begin around March 17, 2017 and last until approximately April 6, 2017. It will occur during your child's normal P.E. time period. There is a link on the school website with more information. In addition, an informational sheet will be sent home during February with more details.

Visual Art

Hello Haines families! I'm excited to be back at school teaching all of my favorite artists! Primary grades are categorizing artworks based on subject matter and media. Students are learning about still life and drawing from observation, and will study landscapes, portraits, and sculptures in the coming months. Third and fifth grades are practicing weaving skills while fourth grade students are beginning one of my favorite projects - dreamcatchers. Sixth grade students are studying African masks and creating 3-D artworks that show symmetrical balance and incorporate negative space. Seventh and eighth graders are creating relief stamps as part of their printmaking unit.

Lucky Red Envelope Contest:

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Lucky Red Envelope Contest this year, and thank you to the Haines staff for voting on the winning designs. The winners are:

Dancing with Class is Back:

Haines is once again a recipient of a Creative Schools Fund Grant from Ingenuity. Our grant will be used to continue our partnership with Dancing with Class. Fifth and sixth grade students begin ballroom dance lessons in March.

Bilingual Department

The ACCESS 2.0 test is taking place during the window of January 17, 2017- February 17, 2017. One hundred ninety-five students, kindergarten through eighth grade, were identified to take the ACCESS assessments. The purpose of this assessment is to monitor student progress in English language proficiency (ELP) on a yearly basis and to provide information that can be used to enhance instruction and learning for English learners.

This year, Chinese New Year (the year of the rooster) falls on Saturday, January 28. We will have our students from rooms 119, 201, 203, 204, 206, 306, 310 and the Haines chorus perform and present on Monday, January 30, 2017 at both 8:15 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. In addition, we will announce winners from each cluster of the “**Lucky Red Envelope**” **Art Contest** on the week of January 30 and each winner will receive a golden piggy bank.

We encourage all faculty, students, parents and community members to participate in the *Chinatown Parade* which will take place in Chinatown on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Haines Lion Dance Group is invited to the Chicago Hyatt Hotel for their Lunar New Year Kickoff event on Thursday, February 2, 2017. It will be a good learning experience for our students.

Haines Girls Running Club

Haines Girls Running Club is in the process of recruiting participants for the spring season. Girls from grades sixth through eighth are welcome to join us each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:00 to learn about themselves, explore new ideas, cultivate empathy, strengthen connections and develop life skills that will help them as they move through adolescence and beyond. The season culminates with the Girls on the Run 5k on May 20, a celebratory event that underscores the confidence, competence, connection, character and caring girls have been developing in the running program.

Haines Girls Running Club will host a “Valentine's Day Sweet Treat” fundraising activity on Monday, February 13, 2017. We will be selling joy-filled delicious chocolate covered pretzel rods and hot chocolate. They contain simple carbohydrates, are relatively

low-calorie, and have little or no saturated fat. Each of these fun, colorful and festive wands of gooey goodness are dressed to thrill with their play of contrasting tastes and textures. The event will promote student appreciation for others as well as show how sweet snacks can also be healthy choices when used in moderation.

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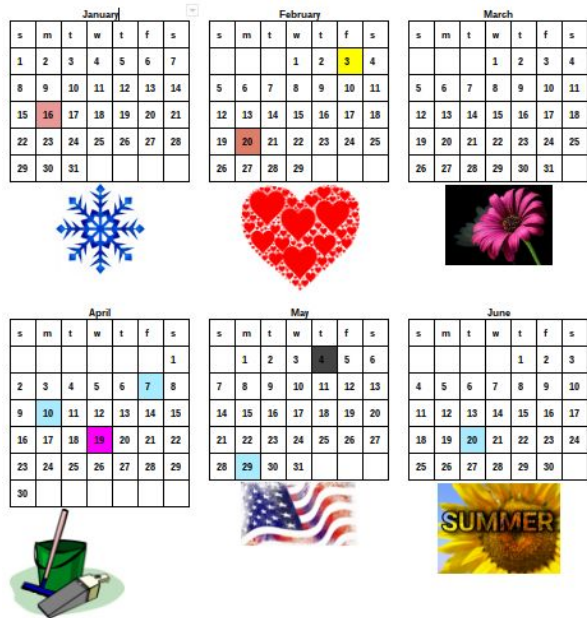
In February we will be turning our attention to learning more about the important events and people related to African-American History Month. The primary grades are studying the Underground Railroad so during library we will extend and connect and collaborate with the students from this grade band to learn more about Harriet Tubman and her role. We will explore books such as *Minty* by Alan Schroeder and *Follow the Drinking Gourd*, by Jeanne Winters. For the intermediate and upper grade students we will be using the book, *I See the Rhythm* to explore the history of African-American music starting from slavery up through Hip Hop.

Music

With Valentine's Day and Black History Month, February is in full swing in music class. Students in upper grades will explore these two themes in songs and learn about African-American music legacy. They will also continue learning the fundamentals of piano. Students in intermediate grades will learn the African-American National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," along with the Underground Railroad path to freedom song "Follow the Drinking Gourd." The elementary grades will learn African-American singing games and movement rhymes such as *Little Sally Walker*, *Miss Mary Mack*, and *Mr. Rabbit Mr. Rabbit*.

Technology

Third and fourth grade students are going to learn how to write simple computer programs in Scratch, a visual programming environment, during February. Fifth and sixth graders will create their media project. Fifth grade students will attempt to make a short animated video while sixth grade students will make a music video, a movie trailer, or a public service announcement (PSA). Seventh graders will continue to use computer aided design (CAD) software to create three dimensional objects for 3D printing.



(Right) 2017 Calendar by Amari Clark (Room 207)

No School Days
 January 16 M. L. King Day
 February 3 School Improvement Day
 February 20 President's Day
 April 7 School Improvement Day
 April 10 to April 14 Spring Vacation
 April 19 Report Card Pickup Day
 May 29 Memorial Day
 June 20 Last Day of School