Bear News

Index Elementary School

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March 2021

We are the Index Bears!

Together We Are Inspiring Life-Long Learners

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Superintendent's Corner

[March 8th, 2021]

As of March 8th, we are now having all our students here at Index School "in-person" through a hybrid schedule. We are excited to have our students back at the school in the mornings after a year of remote learning (*In a hybrid model- students are working remotely when not in-person at school*)!!

We recognize the challenges and difficulties this pandemic has created for everyone. **It is so good to see the bright and shiny faces ☺ of each student!!** Being together in the learning process is so much better. Thanks to all of you for your patience and support of your child during this past year. We continue to follow our safety guidelines so everyone can stay healthy. Thanks for your continued efforts to follow the steps set out by the Snohomish County Health Department. Your actions are making a difference.

I am including activities for this month to place on your calendar. One of our main items are

Index School 2020-2021

Creative Expression

in

Art and Beyond

Important School Dates

3/14/21   Daylight Savings

3/17/21   St. Patrick's Day

FOR SALE: 2001 Suburban with 167,000 miles. Great vehicle but will need to have a transmission replacement.   Best offer accepted. Please contact the Index School District if interested.

 Parent Conferences that take place March 17th - 19th. The teachers will be sending out your scheduled time to meet up here at the school. This means that we will have modified days on Wednesday (We are working remotely this day) Thursday (Morning students only on this day) and Friday (Our PM students will come in the morning and AM students will not be here on that day). Here are some of the **other Calendar items in March**:

Date	Activity

March 8th	In-Person learning for all K-8 students Begins
March 13th	Daylight Saving Begins (Move clocks forward)
March 16th	Saint Patrick's Day
March 17-19	Parent Conferences/End of Trimester (if students are coming with you to the conference- they need to be in the classroom with you)
March/April	Possible State Testing (Grades 3-8): SBA *still to be determined*
April 5-9	Spring Break (*Friday, April 2nd- Early Release @ 11:30 AM*)

New Pilot Mentor Program to start in April!!

We are piloting a Student Mentoring program this spring. We believe that every child could use an additional mentor in their life. The role of our mentors is to listen, encourage and support students. During this pandemic, many people (children and adults) have encountered stress and challenges. We will start our pilot with only three or four mentors. Each mentor will commit one hour each week for the remainder of the year to work with one student. This would only take place if both the parents and the student would like to be involved in this voluntary mentor program. We will be providing more information at conferences if you are interested in signing up. The program will last from April until the end of the school year. *All mentors have had their state background checks completed and are employed by Index School District. Contact the office if you are interested in getting involve in this pilot program.*

Brad Jernberg - Superintendent

Fun Facts & Symbols for St. Patrick's Day

Green is part of St Patrick's Day because it's the color of Spring and many people wear green on St Pat's Day

One of the Irish traditions is to pinch anyone who is not wearing green on St Patrick's Day.

The most common St Patrick's Day symbol is the shamrock. The shamrock is a leaf from the clover plant.

It's a myth that the shamrock can only grow in Ireland – the three-leaf clover grows all over the world – from Tasmania to England.

Symbols like the pot-of-gold at the end of a rainbow and leprechauns are also associated with St. Patrick's Day.

The leprechaun is a small Irish fairy who dresses like a shoemaker. Leprechauns are unfriendly little men who live alone in the forest, spending time making shoes and guarding their gold treasures. If you catch a leprechaun, he'll be forced to tell you where he hides his pots of gold. However the leprechaun must be watched at all times. If his captor looks away, the leprechaun will vanish along with his treasure.

If you want to catch a leprechaun, you should try to build a trap.

A leprechaun is an Irish "elf." They are small in size, and some say they look like tiny old men in top hats with red beards. They are tricky fellows and like to play pranks on unsuspecting people.

Legend says that leprechauns are shoemakers (also called cobblers). Curiously enough, they supposedly only make one of each type of shoe. It is said that you can tell a leprechaun is near if you hear the tapping of their hammers.

Each leprechaun also has a pot of gold. Some say they bury it in secret places only they can reach; others say they hide it at the end of the rainbow. One thing is for sure, though, if you catch a leprechaun he will lead you to his pot of gold and give it to you as a bribe to let him go.

Remember, leprechauns are tricky fellows so you must be creative and tricky when deciding on a way to try to catch him. You can try to lure him to you and grab him, or you can try to build a trap to capture him in. If you are lucky enough to capture one, your work is not done yet. Legend says you cannot take your eyes off him for even a second or he will disappear.

Build a Trap

The first thing you need to do is build a trap. There is no right or wrong way to build a leprechaun trap.

You can make a contraption with a net, boxes, a clean can, or anything else you can think of such as paper towel rolls, empty containers, tin foil, paper, string or yarn, sandwich bags, etc; or, how about using an old shoe since they are said to be cobblers? You have to be very creative to catch a leprechaun!

Add Bait

Once you build your trap, don't forget to add bait to help lure in the leprechaun. Since they are very greedy, one of the best things you can use for bait is coins. If you don't want to use real coins, you can easily substitute candy coins or make your own gold coins by cutting circles out of cardboard and painting them gold. Gold nuggets made by painting small rocks are another option.

Here are a few more tips and suggestions to help you get started:

- [Rainbows](#) are good to use on or around your trap.
- Color your trap green and decorate it with green items (stickers, glitter, etc.).
- Leprechauns are also attracted to four-leaf clovers.
- They tend to like Lucky Charms cereal.
- Make sure your trap is disguised well—make sure it blends into its surroundings.
- No two traps should be alike or the leprechaun will get suspicious and leave.
- A leprechaun may leave a trail of gold and/or green glitter, so watch for it.

Now you should be ready to build your trap. There's no guarantee you will catch one of these little creatures, but hopefully, you have fun in the attempt!

Sno-Isle Library Schedule

General Questions:

How do I join an event held on Zoom?
With the move to providing programs online, you'll find that many of the events are held using a third-party platform called Zoom. Zoom is great for small groups with lots of interaction, as well as large events with hundreds of people in attendance.

There are some things to know that will help you have a fun and safe experience attending any of our Zoom events.

**Registration Required*
For the safety and enjoyment of all, we ask program attendees to register in advance. Shortly before the event, library staff will send you an email with the link that provides access to the program, along with any other information you need to know.

What should I expect when I join a Zoom event?
Library staff will send you an email ahead of the scheduled program. If you do not receive the email by 3:00 pm as expected, check your spam folder or the "Promotions" tab if you're using Gmail. If you are unable to find the email, please contact us for assistance.

When you click the link in the email you've been sent, Zoom will open into a waiting room and a host will let you in shortly. Depending on the program, you'll be able to turn on your audio and video to participate in the program. You may be allowed to chat with all participants, or just the hosts. In larger events both video and audio may be disabled for all attendees. Library staff select the appropriate settings for the type of program to ensure a safe, secure, and enjoyable event.

How to Register
(In your address bar) type Sultan Library Events. When the results pop up, choose Events / Sno-Isle Libraries. Once in the Events Page, on the left side of the page you can request specific dates/months, Event Types, Programs, and what audience you want this directed towards.

(Example for "Reading with Rover shown below), input March's dates, with "Family" and "Kids" choosen under Audiences. Once in, click on the blue, double arrows shown at the end of the title "Reading with Rover". When the new page appears, on the upper right side of the screen will be 2 boxes...one that says REGISTRATION REQUIRED and one below that reads CONTACT INFO where an email is provided to request that particular event.

If you have any problems at all, please contact the library by either calling (360) 651-7000 or by texting them at (360) 810-5188.

Zoom can be downloaded for free on your computer or mobile device.

Reading with Rover
(Part of Reading with Rover)

Children build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog in a live video chat. For elementary students ages 6-12, with an adult.

One registration required per student.

Reading with Rover is a community - based literacy program working with schools and libraries.

March 4, 2021 – 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
 Registration opens 2/25 @ 12:00 am
March 4, 2021 - 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM
 Registration opens 2/25 @ 12:00 am
March 4, 2021 - 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
 Registration opens 2/25 @ 12:00 am

Online Family Trivia -Finish The Lyrics

Go it solo or grab a family member (or a few!) to test your trivia skills, rght from the comfot of your own home. How well do you remember the lyrics to sogs? Do they stick in your brain? Could you recognize wrong lyrics? Join us and celebrate the songs and lyrics of TV, Movies, and Radio. This trivia uses audio clips, as well as on screen text for the lyric questions.

Family trivia is designed with young people in mind – we suggest a youth participant on each team.

If you are playing with team members who are sharing your screen/device, only one team member need register. If team members are located in different households, at least one member of each household should register for trivia.

March 5, 2021 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 (Registration Open)

Reading with Rover
(Part of Reading with Rover)

March 11, 2021 – 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
 Registration opens 3/4 @ 12:00 am
March 11, 2021 - 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM
 Registration opens 3/4 @ 12:00 am
March 11, 2021 - 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
 Registration opens 3/4 @ 12:00 am

Reading with Rover
(Part of Reading with Rover)

March 18, 2021 – 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
 Registration opens 3/11 @ 12:00 am
March 18, 2021 - 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM
 Registration opens 3/11 @ 12:00 am
March 18, 2021 - 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
 Registration opens 3/11 @ 12:00 am

Online Family Trivia – Famous People and Pets

Go it solo or grab a family member (or a few!) to test your trivia skills, right from the comfort of your own home. Join us for an evening of questions about truly random trivia about unimportant things. Wear your goofiest hat as we start the new year off with a lighthearted game that is sure to bring a smile to your face.

Family trivia is designed with young people in mind - we suggest a youth participant on each team.

A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event.

If you are playing team members who are sharing your screen/device, only one team member need register. If team members are located in different households, at least one member of each household should register for trivia.

March 19, 2021 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
   (Registration Open)

<u>**Reading with Rover**</u>
(Part of Reading with Rover)

March 25, 2021 – 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
   Registration opens 3/18 @ 12:00 am
March 25, 2021 - 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM
   Registration opens 3/18 @ 12:00 am
March 25, 2021 - 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
   Registration opens 3/18 @ 12:00 am

<u>**Online Family Trivia – Wonderful Trivia of Disney**</u>

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March 26, 2021 – 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
   (Registration Open)

Fun, Offbeat, March Theme Days and Holidays

Mar 1	World Compliment Day
Mar 1	Plan a Solo Vacation Day
Mar 2	Old Stuff Day
Mar 3	I Want You to be Happy Day
Mar 4	March Forth and Do Something
Mar 5	Learn What Your Name Means
Mar 5	Cinco de Marcho
Mar 6	Dentist's Day
Mar 7	Alexander Graham Bell Day
Mar 8	Proofreading Day
Mar 10	Mario Day
Mar 11	Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day
Mar 12	Alfred Hitchcock Day
Mar 13	Jewel Day
Mar 14	Pi Day
Mar 15	Napping Day

Mar 16	Every Thing You Do is Right Day
Mar 17	Submarine Day
Mar 18	Absolutely Incredible Kid Day
Mar 18	Awkward Moments Day
Mar 19	Let's Laugh Day
Mar 20	World Storytelling Day
Mar 20	Proposal Day
Mar 21	Common Courtesy Day
Mar 22	International Goof Off Day
Mar 23	Puppy Day
Mar 23	Near Miss Day
Mar 24	Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
Mar 25	Waffle Day
Mar 25	Tolkien Reading Day
Mar 26	Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
Mar 27	Spanish Paella Day
Mar 28	Something on a Stick Day
Mar 29	Smoke and Mirrors Day
Mar 30	Take a Walk in the Park Day
Mar 31	Bunsen Burner Day