Dear Sacajawea Families

March is here and, as always, the madness follows! Basketball fans like me love the month of March. The term March Madness was used to describe the excitement surrounding the Illinois state high school basketball tournaments, and first appeared in print almost sixty years ago. It was coined by Henry V. Porter, who started his career as a teacher and coach at Athens High School in central Illinois in 1924. The term also describes Sacajawea during the month of March as we work hard to help students reach high levels of learning!

The window for statewide student testing has opened and will run through June 8th. Although the window is now open, Sacajawea students won’t begin testing until May. We’ll send out grade-level-specific testing schedules to families in the near future. Students in grades 3–5 will take the Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. 5th grade students will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS), which replaces the Smarter Balanced science assessment. You can find more information about statewide tests online. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

March is also the month we focus as a school on great books. Shelly Copeland will be organizing an amazing Read Across America Week. We will have several guest readers in our classrooms including some famous news casters. Students wear their hats on Monday for hats off to reading and will get wacky on Wednesday in honor of Dr. Seuss’s Read Across America. Thank you to Mrs. Copeland for all your hard work and planning!

March’s character theme is caring. Our character education team is working to present to the school the ways that caring affects others and how we can show we care for people. Be on the lookout and ask your student(s) ways they can show they care for others at home and at school.

Finally, spring break is right around the corner, March 30th to April 3rd. We wish you and your families a relaxing and memorable week off.

Sincerely,
Travis Bond, Principal

SACAJAWEA SCHEDULE:

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There is no supervision or crossing guards for students before 8:00 am. Children dropped off before 8:00 will have their parents called to pick them up.
4TH AND 5TH GRADE BASKETBALL
4th and 5th students who have been participating in basketball will be heading to the Skillerees in March! The Girls Skilleree is March 18th and Boys Skilleree is March 19th. Both Skillerees are at Chinook Elementary. 4th and 5th grade students can also sign up soon for track and field. Cost will be $10. Please look for permission slips coming home in Friday Folders this spring and return them to the office with the fee. Go Skyhawks!

1ST GRADE GREEN EGGS AND HAM
First grade families who have RSVP’d are invited to a special Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast to celebrate Read Across America Week. Beaches Restaurant has provided this breakfast to first grade students and their families for 25 years. If you have RSVP’d and are unable to attend with your child, please feel free to send another special adult in your place. Our breakfast will take place on March 5, 2020 at 10:00 am.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK
Mark your calendars...Read Across America Week is coming soon!
- **Monday, March 2** – “Buddy Reading Day” – Classrooms will team up and read books together!
- **Tuesday, March 3** – “Hats off to Reading” – Wear your favorite hat!
- **Wednesday, March 4** – “Get Wacky for Books” – Wacky hair and wacky clothes (inside out, different shoes, different socks, etc.)
- **Thursday, March 5** – “Sacajawea Read-In” – Everyone READS in the hall outside their classroom from 2:00-2:30.
- **Friday, March 6** – “Guest Reader Day & Dr. Seuss Day” – Guest readers will be coming to classrooms to read. Also, you can dress as a Dr. Seuss character!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
It’s time to start our countdown to kindergarten! Any child who will be 5 years old on or before August 31st can register for the 2020-2021 school year starting RIGHT NOW! **What to bring when you register:** A birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of address (driver’s license or mail with name and address).
STORMWATER

Pollution prevention help needed!

We depend on clean streams, rivers and lakes for swimming, fishing and wildlife habitat. Today, the biggest threat to the health of our waterways comes from pollutants left outside that get picked up by stormwater. Many of these pollutants come from everyday activities such as lawn care, having pets, driving and home improvements.

Here are 3 easy things you can do at home to prevent pollution from reaching our streams, rivers and lakes.

Scoop it, bag it, trash it. Stormwater carries pet waste left on the ground to storm drains, which discharge to waterways, untreated. Fecal coliform is one of the top water pollutants in local streams, and pet waste left outside is a main contributor. Pet waste also harbors harmful organisms that can persist for months, such as E.coli, hookworms and giardia. Take the Canines for Clean Water pledge at www.cleanwaterdogs.com, and Clark County will send your pooch a free bandanna.

Don’t drip and drive. Fix that leak! Vehicle fluids are toxic to humans and fish, and even small drips matter. A study of Puget Sound found that more than 66 percent of oil pollution came from small vehicle leaks and drips. Every time it rains, those drips are carried to storm drains before emptying into our streams, rivers and lakes. Fixing leaks will keep your car running well and reduce water pollution. Get a free leak inspection and up to $50 off leak repairs at www.fixcarleaks.org.

Practice earth-friendly yard care. Using fewer fertilizers and pesticides is good for your family, your pets and our waterways. When over-applied or spilled on hard surfaces, fertilizers and pesticides are carried by stormwater to our streams, rivers and lakes. Nutrients in fertilizers cause potentially toxic algae blooms that also deplete dissolved oxygen needed by fish. Always read the label and use only as directed. Sweep up spills rather than washing them away. Find more earth-friendly yard care tips at www.stormwaterpartners.com. “Only rain down the drain” begins at home; thank you for being part of the solution.

PTA REWARDS

Rewards: Sacajawea PTA participates in several FREE fundraising programs. All you have to do is sign up and shop at Grocery Outlet, Fred Meyer, Amazon Smile, Vancouver Mall, or clip and send in Box Tops for Education and PTA earns money for things like playground equipment and teacher wish-lists. Sign up and shop.

Mall Rewards: If you like to shop, have shopped or are going to shop at Vancouver Mall, save your receipts. Just by logging your mall receipts our school earns money! Turn in your receipts, along with your Box Tops, and your receipts will be logged for you. Last spring we were in 4th place and won $1500. This year lets get 1st place! Contact sacpta@yahoo.com for questions or more information.
THANK YOU, VOTERS!

A three-year supplemental levy that will maintain current levels of programs and services in Vancouver Public Schools was recently approved by Vancouver voters with 60.51% yes votes. The levy will make up a multimillion budget shortage due to changes in state funding for education.

“I am extremely grateful to this community for providing more than 55 years of continuous financial support for our students and schools,” said Superintendent Steve Webb. “This election shows the value our voters hold for the education of our children and youth.”

For information about the levy, please visit vansd.org/levy.

Russian:
Спасибо, избиратели!
Трёхгодичный дополнительный налоговый сбор, который сохранит программы и услуги на уровне, предоставляемом Ванкуверским школьным районом в настоящее время, был недавно одобрен избирателями Ванкувера, при этом в поддержку налога проголосовало 60.51% избирателей. Эти средства восполнят многомиллионный дефицит бюджета, который возник в результате изменения предоставляемого штатом финансирования школьного образования.

«Я чрезвычайно благодарен жителям нашего района за то, что в течение 55 лет они предоставляют постоянную финансовую поддержку нашим учащимся и школам», - сказал Управляющий Ванкуверским школьным районом Steve Webb. - «Эти выборы продемонстрировали большое значение, которое наши избиратели придают получению образования нашими детьми и молодежью».

Spanish:
¡Gracias, votantes!
Un impuesto suplementario de tres años que mantendrá los niveles actuales de programas y servicios en el Distrito Escolar “Vancouver Public Schools” fue aprobado recientemente por los votantes de Vancouver con un 60.51% de votos a favor. El impuesto suplementario cubrirá un déficit multimillonario en el presupuesto debido a cambios en la financiación estatal de la educación.

“Le estoy extremadamente agradecido a nuestra comunidad por su continuo apoyo financiero para nuestros estudiantes y escuelas,” dijo el Superintendent Sr. Steve Webb. “Esta elección demuestra el valor que la educación de nuestros niños y jóvenes tiene para nuestros votantes.”

Para más información sobre la recaudación fiscal, visite vansd.org/levy.

Chuukese:
Ach kapasen kinisou ngeni meinisin ekkewe aramas re útút!
A wor úkkúkkún 60.51% aramas rá útút wón ewe mwonien takises an epwe sópwenó ne ánisi ekkei pro-krám me áninisin pekin sukkun me VPS nón ekkei 3 ier sipwe tonong nón. Ei mwonien takises epwe ne awora ewe fité minion mwonien sukkun kich mei nafangaw wón mwúrin an mwuun a awora éóch/ewe ekkesiwí ngeni mwonien sukkun.

Meinapen ewe Vancouver Public School ren Superintendent Steve Webb e apasa pwe “Ngang úwa men unusen kinisou ngeni aramasen iká chóóchóón nón neniach kei ren ar sópwenó ne awora áninisin mwoni ngeni ach kei sukkun me néúch kei chon sukkun non úkkúkkún 55 ier.” A pwan apasa pwe “Pwúngunón ei útút mi pwáranó ach aúcheani néúch kewe semirit me ar sukkun.”

Ren tichikin póróusan ekkei mwonien takises, ouse mochen nó ngeni ach ewe website ren vansd.org/levy.