

BELUGA BUZZ

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**Saint Patrick's Day Group
Picture; of course we did a
silly one**

Important Dates

- March 30th - Friday, April 3rd- Spring Break
- April 6th-School resumes
- April 10th-CSA Spirit wear day
- **April 13th Culminating Event @ 2:00PM (parents are invited and a sign-up will be sent out for times to come in to see your child's project)**
- April 14th-Max C's birthday
- April 17th -Mother Son Dance @ 6-8PM
- April 18th -Daddy Daughter Dance @ 6-8PM
- April 22nd-Earth Day spirit wear
- **April 23rd and 24th -No School for CSRs**

Extra, Extra, Read all about it!

Thank you for classroom donations!! Right now we are out of glue sticks and zip lock bags. Any donations are much appreciated.

April Share

Favorite Book cover activity. This at home project came home in your child's Tuesday folder on March 24th. Please complete it and have your child turn it in when they are done. During the month of April we will share them as they are turned in. :)

Highlights from the Beluga Classroom

-During the month March we enjoyed celebrating reading through fun spirit wear days, having Mystery Readers, reading different Fairy, fables and folktales! We almost caught a sneaky leprechaun, woke up our bears on the first day of spring, made magic wands, completed two opinion piece papers, started our culminating event projects and retelling.

During the month of April we are learning about:

- Spring and identifying signs of spring through using our five senses
- Earth Day
- Creating posters, mini books, pictures and signs that promote respecting our Earth and sharing with others how they can help keep our Earth healthy, safe, and beautiful!
- Fairy and Folk tales; retelling: naming the characters, setting, beginning, middle, end and moral of the story and sequencing events.
- Writing-power of our words. Student will learn how their words can help communicate change, convince and share new ideas
- Persuasive writing
- Continue sentence structure; starting with a capital letter, adding spaces between words, using the appropriate ending punctuation and writing more than just one thought.
- Rereading and fixing up our writing
- Solving math story problems (both addition and subtraction)
- Reviewing 2D shapes
- 3D shapes; naming and composing
- Solve story problems
- Compare numbers using greater than, less than or an equals to sign
- Skip counting by 5's and 2's
- April self-portrait
- Spring Art
- Africa

Birthdays of the Month

Happy birthday to the following student(s) who will be celebrating their birthday in the month of April:

Max Coffee-April 14th



Changing Weather

Our playground gets super muddy this time of year! I ask children to please wear boots and sometimes even snow pants to protect their clothes from the mud as all the snow melts in the spring. Despite my best efforts it is not uncommon for a child to return from recess covered in mud. I highly recommend that all students have at least one change of clean school uniform clothes in their backpack or cubby at all times to change into in the event of a tumble into the mud, spilled yogurt at lunch time, or getting their clothes wet while cleaning out their paint cups or the myriad of other reasons a child might need to change their clothes during the school day.

Please keep sending boots through the end of April! 😊

Character Corner :

Gratefulness: Sharing our thanks in a more specific way has been something the Beluga students have been working on. For example, when we have mystery readers come to visit at the end instead of just saying thank you, which is wonderful, to follow up their thank you with a reason or reasons why they are thankful. So some examples would be "Thank you for coming and reading a funny book to our class."

"Thank you for helping me pick up my crayons."

"Thank you for holding the door open for me."

"Thank you for pushing in my chair for me."

"Thank you for the beautiful picture you made for me."

Friendly Reminders

*Please bring HOOT back on his scheduled days; A schedule was sent home in an email as well is in the suitcase he'll be coming to your house in.

*PLEASE send your child's boots to school in a separate BAG. This helps them tremendously!

*Please make sure your child has an EXTRA SET of CLOTHES at school for times they spill or get muddy out at recess.

*Send a water bottle your child can keep in his/her cubby for quick and easy water breaks.

*Please label any outwear; this includes sweaters.

Comprehensive Student Reviews: (CSR'S)

Spring Comprehensive Student Reviews will be happening at the end of this month.

These conferences, similar to in the fall in giving us 30-45 minutes of uninterrupted time to talk about your student's whole-child growth this school year, answer any questions you have, share areas of focus as we finish out the school year, and where we think your student will best fit next year. A pre-conference CSR sheet will go home in Tuesday folders on April 7th. Please take time to fill this out and return by April 17th. If you already met with me in March, you do not have to sign up for an additional CSR.

A sign up genius will be sent out very soon.

Culminating Event: April 13th 2pm-3pm)

A sign up has been sent out, please let me know if you did not receive it! Students are so excited to share with you their Retell project! If you or another family member/friend can not attend, please let me know so that we can be sure someone is there to celebrate their learning.

This event will also include our cookies and milk!! After your child shared their project with you, you'll have an opportunity to enjoy cookies and milk and then venture down to the book fair (located in the new gallery by Voyager and Explorer classrooms).

Beluga Pictures:

- ★March is Reading month spirit wear days!!
- ★Literacy Workshops

- ★Princess and the Pea activity
- ★St. Patrick's Day

- ★Mystery Readers
- ★Woke up our Bears!

★Explorer students sharing fruit with all of us!-Thank you Hibbert family

★Claude Monet paintings

