

**March 2024**



**STANTON NEWS**

Fox Lake Grade School District 114  
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www.d114.org



**From the desk of Mr. Sefcik and Mrs. Peters...**

Dear Stanton Families,

Each year time seems to move more quickly--we can hardly believe the end of the second trimester is right around the corner, and spring break is less than one month away. Spring Break is March 25-29. School resumes on Monday, April 1.

Earlier this week, we kicked off our 2024 Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing. (IAR) The IAR is Illinois' assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in public schools. IAR assesses the Illinois Learning Standards incorporating the Common Core and will be administered in English Language Arts and Mathematics to all students in grades 3-8. The IAR Parent Portal is now available for parents/guardians. The portal provides parents and guardians online access to their child's performance on the IAR test for ELA and Mathematics. The IAR Parent Portal User Guide is available and has information on how to create an account and how to log into the account. The portal will also allow parent/guardians to track their child's scores from year to year, beginning with the spring 2021 results. If more information in IAR and the Parent Portal visit [isbe.net/iar](http://isbe.net/iar).

**Friday, March 24 is the last day to order a Stanton yearbook. See page 8 for easy ordering options. Yearbooks are \$20.00 and must be paid for when ordering. Sorry, but no late orders can be taken.**

The 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved and is on page 14.

Have a safe and relaxing spring break!

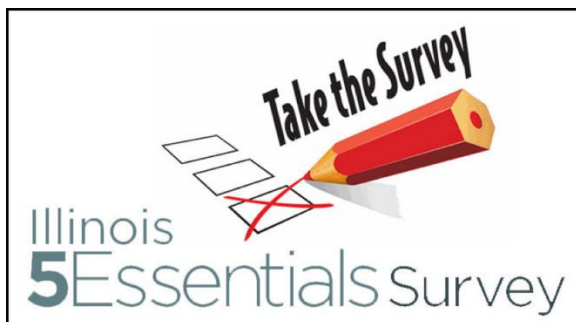
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**Red Letter Days:**

- 3/5-3/8:** IAR Testing
- 3/14:** Band Concert at 7:00
- 3/14:** PTA Meeting at Lotus 6:00
- 3/18 & 19** Track and Field Tryouts 3:05-4:30
- 3/19** BOE Meeting at Lotus 7:00
- 3/22** Last Day to Order a Yearbook.
- 3/25-3/29** Spring Break
- 4/1** School Resumes

# ...AND THE



## We need Your Help!

Annually, the State of Illinois asks school districts to administer the 5Essentials Survey to gather feedback from students, parents, and staff. This feedback helps guide the district in future planning. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and

guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teacher
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

The link to take the survey  
is on [www.d114.org](http://www.d114.org)

**Take the 5Essential Survey by March 29.  
We need at least 20% participation to  
receive maximum credit from the state.**



# SURFIN' INTO SUCCESS

Cowabunga! It was a totally epic day on the Stanton Shores for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Pep Rally.

"It's always a great day when we recognize and celebrate our student's academic achievements.

Highlighting student's accomplishments cultivates a culture of excellence and inspires continued dedication", said Mrs.

Peters, Stanton's Assistant Principal. Recently,

students met with their teachers to review their IAR scores from last year and set their 2024 goals.

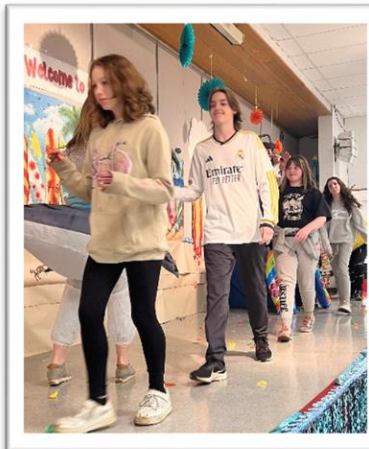
"We are aiming high and striving for excellence", added Mrs. Peters.

Students are encouraged to get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, and test their best. For more

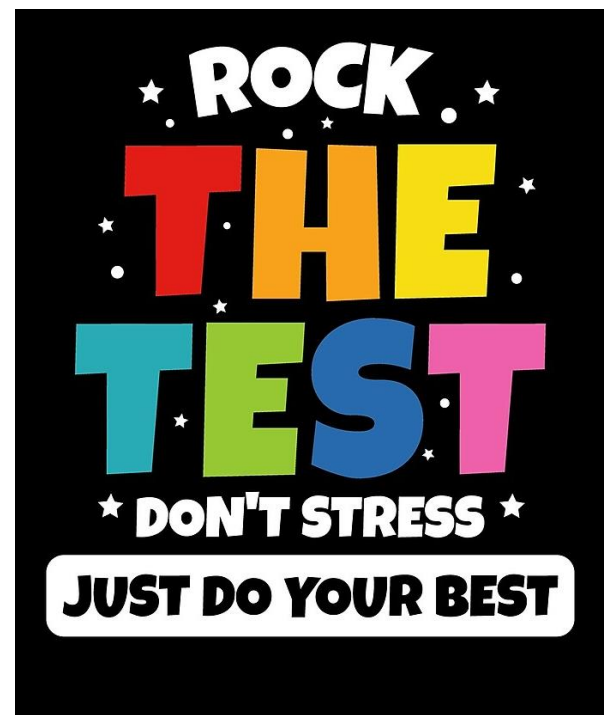
information on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness

Testing visit

[www.isbe.net/iar](http://www.isbe.net/iar)







**Schedule February 26-March 8**

- **February 26:** Academic Pep Rally and IAR Kick-off Celebration
- **February 27:** IAR FLEX presentation
- **February 27-March 1:** IAR Goal Setting
- **March 4:** Regular Schedule
- **March 5-8:** IAR Testing and Spirit Week
  - Monday: Mismatch Monday**
  - Tuesday: Tropical Tuesday**
  - Wednesday: Wildwest Wednesday**
  - Thursday: Throwback Thursday**
  - Friday: Fox Pride Friday**
- **March 8:** Grade Level IAR Raffle

**Please be in school if you are not truly sick  
Get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.**



# CAPTURING HEARTS: VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Sponsored by Student Council

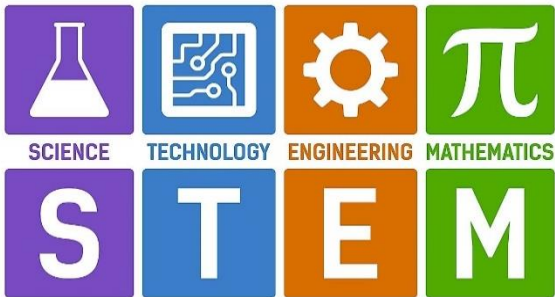




# SPRING PICTURE DAY FOR GRADES 5, 6, 7 APRIL 22



## BUILDING BRIDGES



Austin Delong & Mr. Yoder

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mr. Yoder's STEM class were challenged with building a Popsicle bridge with only 200 Popsicle sticks and glue that could hold at least 5 pounds for 10 seconds. During the lesson, the students studied how engineering has impacted the development of bridges over time and then worked in pairs to create an innovative design of their own. The bridges were tested using weights in five pound increments. Tied for the most weight held were James Cooper and Elijah Karczewski and Matthew Moran and Jacob Ray. Both team's bridges held 35 pounds!



Kelsie Simmons



Art Antunez & Mr. Yoder

**ATTENTION**

**CLASS OF  
2024**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**MARCH 6, 2024:** Picture Retake Orders Due.

**MARCH 22, 2024:** LAST DAY TO ORDER A STANTON YEARBOOK

**APRIL 10, 2024:** GCHS ACTIVITY AND ATHLETIC FAIR NIGHT 7:00-8:00 

See below for more information.

**APRIL 12, 2024:** \$10.00 DINNER DANCE DEPOSIT DUE

**MAY 20, 2024:** CLASS DAY TRIP

Organized by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaching Staff. Stay tuned for details.

**MAY 21, 2024:** 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DINNER DANCE AT MARAVELA'S  
6:00-8:30.

\$10.00 payment required.

**MAY 22, 2024:** PROMOTION CEREMONY

The ceremony is at Grant Community High School at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15. There are no tickets or a limit to the number of guests who can attend.

## **GRANT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY & ATHLETICS FAIR NIGHT**

Eighth graders and their families are invited to see all that Grant Community High School has to offer. Students will have the opportunity to meet with coaches, club and activity sponsors, and current students. There is something for everyone! Additionally, students will learn about the variety of summer camps available prior to freshman year. This is an open house style event.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10  
7:00-8:00  
EAST AND WEST GYMS**

Don't Miss the

**DEADLINE!**



**Yearbook Order  
Deadline is March 22!**

**How to Order a Stanton Yearbook:**

- 1. Online through Skyward.**
- 2. Complete the slip below one return it to the school office with cash or check.**

**All orders must be pre-paid when ordering.**

**Yearbooks are \$20.00 each.**

**Sorry, but no late orders can be accepted.**

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**Order a Yearbook For:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Yearbooks:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Due:** \_\_\_\_\_



# STANTON PE OLYMPICS

Students in P.E. completed their version of the Olympic Games and the excitement was exhilarating. Mrs. Smeigh, Stanton's PE teacher commented, "The kids were eager to showcase their athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a series of thrilling events that included swimming, dance, and tug of war. The teams represented 24 countries and gave it their all. Each year, the Olympics inspire and unite our school community in the spirit of friendly competition. Mrs. Smeigh added, "Congratulations and great job to all our teams! Every country received a medal in at least one event during the unit."



## The Final Standings:



**Tied for Bronze: Congo (7<sup>th</sup>) and Spain (7<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tied for Silver: Ireland (6<sup>th</sup>), Kenya (8<sup>th</sup>), & Germany (8<sup>th</sup>)**

**2024 Gold Medal Winner: Venezuela (7<sup>th</sup>)**





**Attention Current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:**

Your child will require a new Health Physical and receipt of 2 required 11 year vaccines as they enter 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Tdap and MCV4 Meningitis) Please plan ahead and make a physical

appointment NOW to occur ON or AFTER your child's 11<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY. Delaying your appointment could put your child at risk of school exclusion in the fall.

**Attention Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families:** All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a dental exam completed by May 15, 2024. Please submit a dental exam from dated AFTER November 15, 2022.

If you have any questions contact Nurse Lora at [lora.viers@foxlake114.org](mailto:lora.viers@foxlake114.org) or 847-973-4241.

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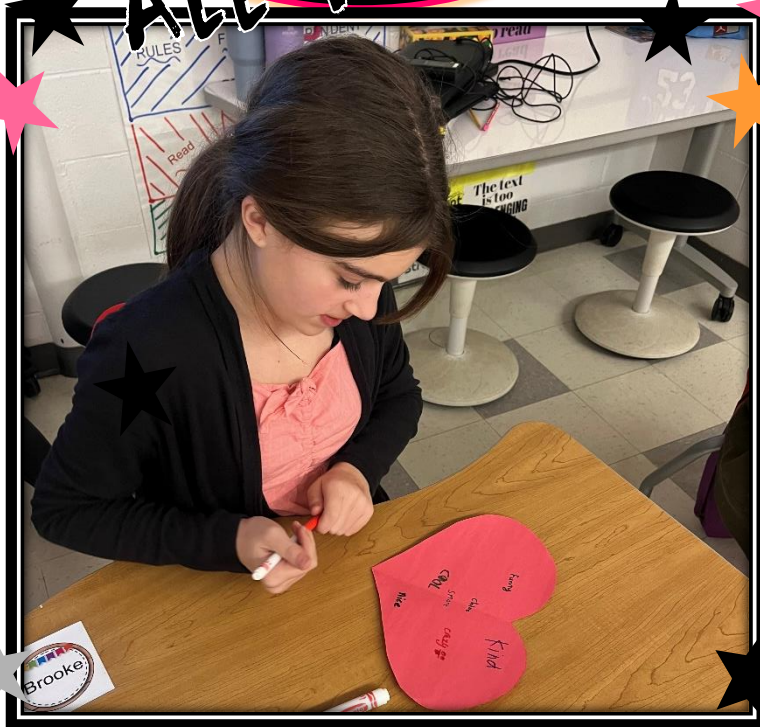


Pursuant to Public Act 102-0676, Illinois public school districts are required to post Faith's Law Guidance and FAQ [isbe.net](http://isbe.net) on their website. The link to this information can be found on our website [d114.org](http://d114.org) under the parent's tab. Click on the link for the Sexual Abuse Response and Prevention Resource Guide.



# Kindness Matters

ALL THE TIME!



On Valentine's Day, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Mrs. Kretz' class practiced Random Act of Kindness during their Heart Name activity. Mrs. Kretz explained, "During this activity, the students passed their heart name around the classroom. Each student was then asked to write something positive or complimentary about that student. Students had 15 seconds to write and then pass. The challenge was that students are asked not to duplicate something that was already written." After the activity, the class talked about how they felt after reading their heart. The students all agreed that they felt welcomed, loved, part of a group, and happy. Mrs. Kretz added, "It was so nice to see how students participated and realized that they don't have to be best friends to be nice and considerate to one another."





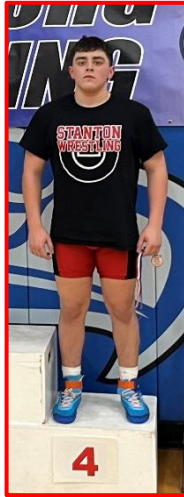
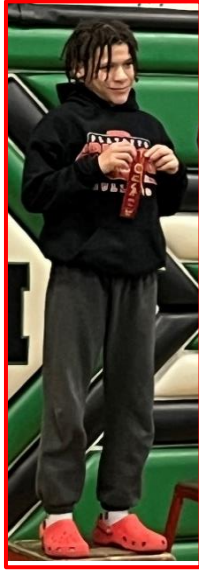
# FOX



# Update



## Wrestling



Congratulations to the wrestlers who are moving on the Sectional Tournament. Pictured left to right: Doltyn Longtin, Markus Moddie, and Elijah Karczewski.

## Basketball

The Lady Foxes are gearing up for the Lake Region Tournament. 7<sup>th</sup> grade plays at home on 2/29, 3/5, 3/7. 8<sup>th</sup> grade plays at Grass Lake on 3/6, 3/8, 3/11. Tournament admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Good Luck!



# TRACK AND FIELD TRYOUTS

Open to All Stanton Students on March 18 and 19 from 3:05-4:30. Must have a current physical on file to tryout.





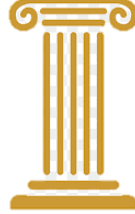
Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

Stanton School prides itself on our PBIS Pillars

RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



SAFETY



**TRIMESTER 2 CELEBRATION IS MARCH 15!**  
**Get ready For ice cream & Dodgeball Tournament**

Students must meet the eligibility requirements below on March 1 to participate in this celebration.

- No F's in any core classes.
- No more than 5 office discipline referrals or 3 detentions. *(School suspensions count as 1 detention)*
- An average of 1.5 in their exploratory class.

**THE PBIS STORE**

Stanton's PBIS Store is open for students to redeem points on Wednesdays. Students can also use their points in their teacher's personal stores.

Ask your child how many points they have earned. It's a great way to see how wonderful they are.

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**April 19: Mid-quarter Celebration for all Students.**

**May 24: PBIS Celebration and Field Day for 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders.**

# Next School Year's Calendar

## 2024-2025 School Calendar

Board of Education Approved on February 20, 2024

**Fox Lake School District 114**

Every Wednesday is Early Release

Emergency Days, If Needed, March 3, June 2, 3, 4, 5

August 2024						
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January 2025						
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August 2024	
8/15	Teacher Institute, No Student Attendance
8/16	Teacher Institute, No Student Attendance
8/19	Teacher Work Day, Meet & Greet Meet & Greet Times TBD
8/20	First Day of School, K-8
8/26	First Day for Pre-K
September 2024	
9/02	Labor Day, No School
October 2024	
10/11	Teacher Institute, No Student Attendance
10/14	Columbus Day, No School
November 2024	
11/05	Election Day, No School
11/15	End of 1st Trimester
11/25	Early Release, Conferences
11/26	No School, Conferences
11/27	Non Attendance Day
11/28	Thanksgiving Day, No School
11/29	District Holiday, No School
December 2024	
12/23-1/03	Winter Break, No School
January 2025	
1/06	School Resumes
1/20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
February 2025	
2/14	Teacher Institute, No Student Attendance
2/17	President's Day, No School
2/28	End of 2nd Trimester
March 2025	
3/03	Casimir Pulaski Day, No School, OR 1st Emergency Day
3/24 - 3/28	Spring Break, No School
3/31	School Resumes
April 2025	
4/18	Non Attendance Day
May 2025	
5/23	Last Day for PreK
5/26	Memorial Day, No School
5/30	Last Day of School, Early Release
	End of 3rd Trimester
June 2025	
6/2 - 6/5	Emergency Days, If Needed
6/19	Juneteenth, No School

February 2025						
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June 2025						
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July 2025						
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Key	
	Non Attendance Day
	Early Release
	End of Trimester
	5 Emergency Days, If Needed
	Teacher Work Day, Meet & Greet
	Teacher Institute Day, No Student Attendance
★	First and Last Day of School
☆	Parent Teacher Conferences



One team...all in.  
**We are 114.**

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	
Lotus Elementary School	
Grade	Bell Schedule
PreK AM	8:45 AM - 11:45 AM

EARLY RELEASE - EVERY WEDNESDAY	
Lotus Elementary School	
Grade	Bell Schedule
PreK AM	8:45 AM - 10:45 AM

EMERGENCY LATE START	
Lotus Elementary School	
Grade	Bell Schedule
PreK AM	NO AM PRESCHOOL



# WE TO RECOGNIZE Our Students

At the last Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Peters was honored and delighted to recognize the student's below for their continued focus and commitment on school attendance. We are proud of you!



Band Concert  
March 14 at  
Stanton 7:00

## Eat Out to Help Out



**Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00-9:00 at the Lakemoor only.**

**You must mention D114 when placing your order.**

# AFTER SCHOOL SHELF STABLE MEALS

IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS 18 YEARS AND UNDER.



Every Wednesday until May 2024  
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Note: After School Snacks  
will not be served  
when school is not in session

Food provided by



*Fox Lake District Library*

255 E. Grand Avenue, Fox Lake, IL 60020

[www.fllib.org](http://www.fllib.org)

847.587.0198



GRANT JR  
BULLDOGS  
CHEERLEADING

2024 SEASON

## JOIN OUR TEAM

All individuals from Kindergarten to 8th grade with an interest in cheerleading are invited to join our community. This presents a fantastic chance to develop team-building skills, cultivate good sportsmanship, enhance focus and discipline, and build lasting friendships!



- ✓ Registration closes May 15th
- ✓ Cost \$850
- ✓ Season Starts May 20th
- ✓ K-8th Grade

REGISTER NOW

Email us  
[infojrbcheer@gmail.com](mailto:infojrbcheer@gmail.com)



Visit Our Website  
[grantjrbulldogscheer.org](http://grantjrbulldogscheer.org)







## Fox Lake District 114 Stanton Breakfast Menu March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Surprise Breakfast Sack Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk 
4 Cinnamon Pretzel Stick Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	5 Blueberry Donut holes Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	6 Banana Bread Slice Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	7 Parfait Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Surprise Breakfast Sack Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk 
11 Mini Confetti Pancakes (3.3 oz) Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	12 General Mills Cereal Bowl(2 oz) Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	13 Vanilla Goldfish Graham Strawberry Chex mix Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	14 Double Chocolate Muffin Oatmeal Bar Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Surprise Breakfast Sack Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk 
18 Mini Waffles Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	19 Poptarts Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	20 Powder sugar Donut Holes Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	21 Banana Muffin Oatmeal Bar Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk	22 Surprise Breakfast Sack Fresh Fruit or Juice Milk 
26	37	28	29	

# Spring Break

**Served Daily**  
Choice of cold, refreshing milk.  
**1% White or Fat Free**

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WG Cereal Choices:  
Kellogg's Assorted Flavors

(100%) Juice  
Choices:  
Apple, Grape,  
Orange and Fruit Punch,  
Fresh Fruit:  
Gala, Red and Golden  
Apples, Bananas, Oranges

Yogurt Flavors:  
Strawberry, Blueberry, Peach,  
Banana-Strawberry  
Granola Bar  
Cereal Bar  
Oatmeal Bar

**—There will always be a second serving of fruit available that the student can take—**

**Any questions or concerns**  
**Please Call**  
**Georgette at 847-973-4220**

Menus are subject to change without notice.



## Fox Lake District 114 Stanton Lunch Menu March 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Wild's Mike Pizza Romaine Salad Baby Carrots Pineapple Tidbits
4 Breaded Mozzarella Sticks Green Beans Mango Splash Juice Box Peach Cup	5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Peas Blueraspberry Applesauce Cup	6 <b>Wing-Day Wednesday!</b> Oven Fries Carrot Sticks Celery Sticks Banana	7 Soft Pretzel with Cheese Cup Cucumber Slices Mini Peppers Sidekick Slushy	10 The Max Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Cherry Tomatoes Pear cup
11 Beef Philly Steak with Mozzarella cheese, (peppers and onions on the side) Sun Splash Juice Box Mandarin Oranges	12 Chicken Tenders Oven Fries Broccoli Florets Apple Slices	13 <b>Wing-Day Wednesday!</b> Vegetarian Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Banana	14 Cheeseburger Green Leaf Lettuce Sliced Tomato Sidekick Slushy	 15 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Green Peppers Mixed Fruit cup St Patrick's special treat
18 Beef Ribs Honey BBQ Oven Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup	19 Bosco Sticks with Marinara Sauce Cup Cucumber Slices Broccoli Florets Peach cup	20 <b>Wing-Day Wednesday!</b> Carrot Sticks Celery Sticks Banana	21 Nacho Grande Refried Beans Shredded Lettuce and diced tomatoes Sidekick Slushy	22 Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Cherry Tomatoes Mandarin Gelatin Cup
	26	27	28	29 

# Spring Break

**Served Daily**  
Choice of cold, refreshing milk.  
Varieties: 1% White, Skim Chocolate

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**Lunch Daily Choices:**  
**Salad to Go**  
**or**  
**PBJ**

**NEW WING-DAY WEDNESDAY (boneless)**

Different dipping sauces offered

**Any questions or concerns**  
**Please Call**  
**Georgette at 847-973-4220**

Menus are subject to change without notice upon availability.

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> *End of Trimester 2	<b>2</b> *Wrestling Sectional A at Deerfield Caruso 9:00
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *Trimester 3 begins *Scholastic Bowl at Home 4:15	<b>5</b> *Student Council Meeting AM/PM *7th grade Basketball Tournament TBD	<b>6</b> *8th grade Basketball Tournament TBD *8th Grade Picture Retake Orders Due	<b>7</b> *7th grade Basketball Tournament TBD	<b>8</b> *Report cards mailed home and posted *Wrestling State Tournament at NIU *8th grade Basketball Tournament TBD	<b>9</b> *Wrestling State Tournament at NIU
<b>Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing</b>						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> *Band Concert Rehearsal at Stanton 6:00 *8th Grade Basketball Tournament TBD	<b>12</b> *Scholastic Bowl at Home 4:30 *Eat Out to Help Out at Chipotle-Lakemoor 5-9	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> *Band Concert at Stanton 7:00  <span style="color: orange;">PTA Meeting 6:00 at Lotus</span>	<b>15</b> *PBIS T2 Celebration	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> *Track and Field Tryouts 3:05-4:30	<b>19</b> *Track and Field Tryouts 3:05-4:30 *Student Council Meeting AM/PM  <span style="color: red;">Board of Education Meeting at Lotus 7:00</span>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> *Scholastic Bowl at Home 4:15	<b>22</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">LAST DAY TO ORDER A YEARBOOK!</span>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: blue; text-decoration: underline wavy;">SPRING BREAK</span>						
<b>31</b>	<b>4/1</b> School Resumes 	<b>4/2</b>	<b>4/3</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>4/6</b>