

Good afternoon! It's hard to believe we are heading into March. The next three months are some of the busiest for elementary schools in the state of Indiana. As we try to wrap up the curriculum, our students are involved in multiple rounds of state testing. We also try to sprinkle in last-minute field trips, annual activities (like field days and special projects), and some time to enjoy the warmer temperatures! Families, you can help your child during this time by encouraging active play after school, healthy meals, and time for rest without the temptation of electronics! As a mom myself, I understand how difficult consistent schedules can be this time of year. Let's work as a team to help our kids finish strong. Here's what you need to know for the week ahead:

- **Allied Arts** this week:
 - MONDAY: Yellow
 - TUESDAY: Green
 - WEDNESDAY: Blue
 - THURSDAY: Red
 - FRIDAY: Orange
- The **March breakfast and lunch menu** can be found [here](#).
- The National Organization for Rare Diseases celebrates the end of February with a SHOW YOUR STRIPES campaign. Their support color is zebra stripes. We invite all staff and students to **wear stripes this THURSDAY** to show our support for the many people in our community who have been diagnosed with a rare (and sometimes misunderstood) disease. For more information, check out their website [here](#).
- **Class Dojo** recently pushed out an update. Please make sure you have the most current version installed on your device.
- **Final week to purchase yearbooks!**
 - Order Your Yearbook Now, [Online Ordering Available Until Friday, March 1, 2024](#). Cost: \$18.00. To order your yearbook, visit inter-state.com/order And enter code 82237K
- We are excited to welcome **Kevin Stonerock**, presenting a fur trader simulation, to our fourth and fifth-grade students this week. A special thanks to BAAC for supporting this unique opportunity for our kids!
- BIS will be celebrating **Read Across America Week** on March 4-8. Find our dress-up day schedule [here](#).
- We have a special guest coming to BIS on March 4 and March 7! **Mark Littman** will be presenting to our students in preparation for the April 8 eclipse. Parents are invited to attend the sessions. Check out the details [here](#).
 - "Totality: Eclipses of the Sun," a general talk about solar eclipses, especially total eclipses, featuring the upcoming eclipse. The talk includes not only the science of eclipses (in terms everyone can understand) but also the mythology and folklore of eclipses, how humans have reacted to them in the past, what we have learned from eclipses, and how to safely and most enjoyably observe a solar eclipse.
 - Book order forms can be found [here](#).

Have a wonderful week. Thanks, as always, for your support.