



STEVENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL, VENITA DENNIS

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 4 WE-PTO 4:00 @ WMS
- 12 11:20 Dismissal
- 14 Valentines Day  
Party 2:00-2:45
- 17 No School  
Presidents' Day
- 18-21 Jump Rope for Heart
- 20 4th Grade Patriotic  
Program 6:30 PM at WMS
- 21 End of 2nd Trimester
- 24 - Mar 3 Book Fair
- 26 Young Rembrandts
- 28 Report Cards Electronically

### **MARCH**

- 2 Pulaski Day No School
- 3 WE-PTO 4:00 @ SIS
- 4 Awards Assembly  
2nd 8:15 3rd 8:45  
4th 9:15 5th 9:45
- 4 Young Rembrandts
- 11 Young Rembrandts
- 13 Picture Day
- 18 Young Rembrandts
- 23-27 Spring Break

### **Preparing Students For IAR**

The state IAR assessments, Illinois Assessment of Readiness, are scheduled for April 2020. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be tested in reading/ELA and math. In addition, our 5th grade students will be tested in Science. The IAR assessments are rigorous and can be difficult. Scores are important to Stevens and the 209U District.

It is important to talk to your child about the significance of putting forth their very best effort on the IAR assessments. Provided below are tips to assist your child in doing their very best on the IAR:

- Make sure your child is in attendance at school on the testing days**
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep during the nights prior to testing**
- Provide breakfast for your child the morning of the tests**
- Remind your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the directions**
- Advise your child to not worry about the test...simply do the best they can**

You may also visit: <https://prc.parcconline.org/> for more information.

### **Outdoor Recess**

If it is 15 degrees or above, we will go outside for recess. When the temperature is 14 degrees or below, students will stay in for recess. Wind chill and precipitation are also determining factors. Children should wear boots, gloves, hats, coats, and snow pants when appropriate. If your student wears boots to school, please send an extra pair of shoes that he/she can change into for class. Also, students should have an extra pair of gym shoes at school for P.E. class.

### **Handbook Committee**

Every year a committee of parents and staff members meet to discuss our school handbook and update it as needed. If you are interested in being on this committee, please call Mrs. Dennis at 815-926-1689.

## *4th Grade Patriotic Program*

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be presenting their patriotic program, “Proud to be American” on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm at the Wilmington Middle School.



## ***Jump Rope for Heart***

Our school is proud to partner with the AHA (American Heart Association) to develop strong hearts in our students. SIS families can donate to the AHA to help diagnose and treat heart related ailments by taking part in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart will take place February 18<sup>th</sup> through February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Students will be rewarded for their donations with prizes based on the levels they reach.

### **Random Act of Kindness:**

Each year Stevens Intermediate takes a day in February to show random acts of kindness to each other and another business or school. In the past years we have honored the Wilmington Fire Department, Wilmington Police Department, and Wilmington High School.

This year we will honor Wilmington Middle School. Please donate coffee and snacks if you can.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will deliver the goodies to Wilmington Middle School as our random act of kindness.

### Math Facts

Students need to memorize basic math facts. Addition and subtraction are inverse operations. Multiplication and division are inverse operations. If your children do not know addition facts, they will struggle with subtraction. Likewise, if your students do not know multiplication facts, they will struggle with division. Fourth and fifth grades are working with fractions; if they cannot fluently multiply and divide, they struggle with fractions.

**Basic math facts are important and students do need to practice at home!**

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## February

- 4 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm @ WMS
- 10 3rd grade-Goodies with Grownups 2:00 p.m.
- 12 School Improvement Early Dismissal 11:20 a.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day Party 2:00-2:45 p.m.
- 17 Presidents Day - No School
- 20 4th Grade Patriotic Program 6:30 p.m. @ WMS
- 21 End of Second Trimester
- 24-March 3 Book Fair
- 26 Young Rembrandts
- 28 Report Cards

## March

- 2 Pulaski Day--NO SCHOOL
- 3 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm @ SIS
- 4 2nd Trimester Awards
- 4 Young Rembrandts
- 5 PTO Family Night 6:00-7:30 @ SIS
- 11 Young Rembrandts
- 13 Spring Pictures
- 18 Young Rembrandts
- 23-27 Spring Break
- 30 School Resumes

## April

- 1-17 IAR Testing grades 3-5
- 1 Young Rembrandts
- 2 5th Grade Talent Show Try-Outs 3:15-5:00
- 3 Progress Reports
- 7 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm @ SIS
- 8 School Improvement Day Early Dismissal 11:20 a.m.
- 10 Good Friday—No School
- 15 Young Rembrandts
- 23 5th Grade Talent Show 5:00-7:00
- 24 3rd Grade Science Fair 2:00 p.m.

## May

- 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 4 Grade 5 Band Concert 7:00 p.m. @ SIS
- 5 WE-PTO Meeting 4:00 pm @ SIS
- 8 Third Grade Field Trip
- 11 Midewin-Rink/Seiler
- 12 Midewin-Dillon/Meents
- 13-21 Book Fair
- 20 3rd Trimester Awards
- 26 Last day of student attendance
- 26 Field Day/Report Cards