

Scholastic Book Fair Hours this week!

- Tuesday & Wednesday:
2:30–3:30
- Thursday: 12:00–3:30
- Friday: 8:30–3:00

Spring Break

Monday March 16-
Friday March 27



Student Inclusive Conferences

Having a conference with your child and the teacher *is* your child's report card!

There's still time to sign up! Please log in to the Parent Portal and book a time. Come celebrate your child's learning and growth!



"WEEK AT A GLANCE" Mar. 2-6

Monday, March 2

Tuesday, March 3

- Firestation field trip Vis/Hoyes 10-11am
- Book fair open 2:30-3:30
- Gr. 6 and 7 Dodgeball party, registration is required

Wednesday, March 4

- Fire drill 1:30pm
- Book fair open 2:30-3:30

Thursday, March 5

- Early dismissal at 11:30 for conferences
- Book fair open 12:00-3:30

Friday, March 6

- Conferences all day: no school for students
- Book fair open 8:30-3:00

If your child does not have inside shoes at school please remind them to place running shoes in their bag on days they wear rain or snow boots to school so they can participate in gym!



Thank you!

Thank you to Mr. Whalan, Mr. Alexander, Ms. Vis and Ms. Long and Mr. Stratton for volunteering their time to coach basketball! Congratulations to the players for a fantastic season!



Keeping Up With Technology as a Parent

Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>) is a great resource for parents to check out what Apps/Video Games, Books, TV shows and Movies are all about. It provides parents with reviews of what kids want to access before you allow them access it!

Here is some information on some video games/apps. More detailed information can be found clicking the link below.

Keeping Up and With It

It seems that our children are always ahead of us parents when it comes to technology. Common Sense Media (CSM) helps parents keep up with the latest trends in digital games, apps, and connectivity. This installment of Family Tech Trends includes CSM discussions about: **TikTok** (app), **SnapChat** (app), **Fortnite** (game), and **Parent Controls** (device management).

Common Sense Media Says...

TikTok: TikTok is a free social media app that lets you watch, create, and share videos -- often to a soundtrack of the top hits in music -- right from your phone. Using any social network can be risky, but it's possible for kids to safely use the app with adult supervision (and a private account). When you sign up for TikTok, your account is public by default, meaning anyone can see your videos, send you direct messages, and use your location information.

Snapchat: Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) that are meant to disappear after they're viewed. It's advertised as a "new type of camera" because the essential function is to take a picture or video, add filters, lenses, or other effects and share them with friends. Something about snapping, sharing, and then forgetting about life's little moments has massive appeal for kids. According to the terms of service, users must be 13 years old.

Parent Controls: Figuring out what kind of parental control is best is entirely based on your own family's needs. Some families can get by with simple, free browser settings to filter inappropriate content. Some families need help clamping down on screen time. Some folks are cool with spot-checks on their kids' devices. **If you have provided a cell phone or smart watch for your children, it is important remind them that it must be turned off at school or on airplane mode and always follow the instructions of their teachers. Students are only allowed to use the school district's filtered network.*

Fortnite: This survival-action game is a bit like what you'd get if you combined a sandbox-building game like Minecraft with an action shooter like Call of Duty. On one hand, it's getting major points with kids and parents alike for building teamwork and thoughtful collaboration. On the other hand, it's a combat-based game with tons of guns and violence.

Discord: Is an app designed to help users talk to each other in real time. Users can log in and enter a group chat with one or more people. Connecting with friends involves joining an existing topic-based server or sending an email invitation. Using the Nearby feature when adding friends (and with location features turned on), you can find friends who are close to you. You can also block users and avoid content you don't want to see. Discord was originally designed for gamers to use to talk as they play -- and it's well-suited for that. It's since been opened up to host other communities, though, as well -- currently, groups exist that involve a variety of topics.