Dicken families,
Here are this week's updates from Principal Madison and the PTO.

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- Vanessa Revelli
PTO communications chair

—> Follow Dicken PTO on Facebook: Facebook.com/DickenPTO
—> Have an item for the email blast? Email it to dolphinsblast@gmail.com

Blast items must be received by 5:00pm Friday.

**Principal Madison’s Notes**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.:** Thank you Mr. Terris and our 3rd grade students for performing two concerts last week celebrating the Martin Luther’s King’s legacy. Both performances were well done and the message was well received by students & parents. Classrooms continue to teach the ideals of Dr. King throughout the month.

**WESO Fair:** Our 2nd – 5th graders attended the annual Science Olympiad Fair last week to learn about all of the possible activities that they can participate in this year. They were given a form to share with you. Please encourage your child to sign up and join a Science Olympiad activity.
16th Annual Dicken Winter Walk: It’s Here! Please plan on attending Tuesday evening, weather permitting, our walk around the building looking at the beautiful luminaries that our Dicken Dolphins have created during Art Class. Its 6:30-7:30 pm. Thank you Ms. Erickson ever so much for continuing this tradition.

Mobile Dentist: Last call! Please return the form that was sent home about getting some dental work for your student at Dicken. This is a special service for our Dolphins that are having difficulty obtaining dental services for their children in the community. It is scheduled this Thursday. Email Nurse Keely for more information.

Love our Library (LOL) Activity: Our Media Specialist, Lynne McHale, is sponsoring the 1st LOL-Love our Library session on Saturday, February 1st from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Our Library needs some love, hearts & helping hands. Please drop by to shelves books, add labels to shelves, add new posters to walls & create new game pieces for the library.

Hearing & Vision Screening: Forms were sent home with students last week. Hearing and Vision technicians will be here Feb. 3 & 4th to screen our students. We need the surveys returned to school by Monday, Jan. 27th.

EL Parent Night: Our EL (English Learner) Parent Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, February 6 at 5:30-6:15pm in the media center. All parents of EL students are invited to attend our EL Parent Information Night to learn about English services at Dicken. Ms. McMillan will share information about ELs at Dicken school and different ways that services are provided to students. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Weather Changes/Extra Clothes: Please remember to check the weather daily & dress your child appropriately. A light sweatshirt, fleece or sweater during the winter will assure your child stays warm inside & outside. Winter jackets, snow pants, boots, hats & gloves a must! In addition a change of clothes/
socks left in the classroom is always appreciated. That way we don’t have to call parents to bring in dry clothes if a child gets damp from playing in the snow or falls in a puddle during recess. We always try our best to guide them away from these sloppy areas on the playground, but some kids just seem to be attracted to them.

The complete version of Principal Madison’s Parent Letter is available here:
parent_letter_1_26.pdf

Important Dates:
This Week, January 27th - January 31st

Mon Jan 27th
National Pride Day
School Resumes
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Miller’s 4th Grade Class
9:30am – 2:15pm 5th Grade Winter Survival Field Trip

Tue Jan 28th
6:30pm – 7:30pm 16th Annual Dicken Winter Walk!

Wed Jan 29th
9:30am - 11:45am 5th Grade to Slauson for Musical Concert
9:30am - 2:00pm Rossi Environmental Field Trip to Kensington Park

Thu Jan 30th
9:00am - 3:00pm Dicken Mobile Dentist, PCR
6:30pm – 7:30pm 16th Annual Dicken Winter Walk! Back Up Date

Fri Jan 31st
School Pride Day
9:00am – 9:30pm Dicken Monthly Pods Activity
9:30pm – 12:30pm 3rd Grade to U of M Natural History Museum
Sat, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
9:30pm – 12:30pm LOL – Love our Library Session, Media Center

Next Week, February 3<sup>rd</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup>

Mon Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>
National Pride Day
School Resumes
All Day Vision & Hearing Screening
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Creswell’s 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class
3:15pm – 3:45pm Mike meets with PTO President
4:00pm – 5:30pm Daisies Mtg, Art Room

Tue Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
All Day Vision & Hearing Screening

Wed Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
9:30am - 2:00pm Maus & Thomas Field Trip to Kensington Park
11:30am – 11:55am 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Light House team Mtg

Thu Feb 6<sup>th</sup>
9:30am - 12:10pm Jazzistry Student Presentations, Media Center

Fri Feb 7<sup>th</sup>
School Pride Day
9:00am – 9:30pm 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Light House team Mtg
12:30pm - 3:10pm Jazzistry Student Presentations, Art Room
Notes from Our PTO
January reminders!

January 28th. 6:30-7:30 Winter walk- please bring your WINE for the auction wine poll! You name will be place in a drawing for each bottle you bring in to win a gift card!

Continue collecting BOX TOPS

We are now starting to collect USED BOOKS for our used book sale! Please drop off in the office any day and any time until March!

Save the Date!- Auction fundraiser March 20th! Get your babysitters on lock down and come out to this fun, adult only, event!

Winter Walk
On Tuesday January 28, from 6:30-7:30, please join your Dicken school community for a magical night of Mrs. Erickson’s winter walk. Our Dicken students have been creatively working in art class to create beautiful lanterns that will light up a path around our school.

Enjoy hot cocoa provided by your PTO!

Please bring a bottle of wine to donate to the auctions wine poll.

Please also sign up to help with the winter walk by clicking this link.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45AAA62CABF58-dicken1
Science Olympiad Sign-Up
WESO (Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad) season officially starts for 2nd – 5th grade students with the WESO Fair, which will happen during school hours on Thursday January 23rd. This event gets students excited and interested in possible events that they might want to participate in this year. Registration forms will be sent home with students that afternoon. We usually have over 100 students join WESO and prepare for the annual competition, which will be held this year on Saturday May 9th, 2020 at Pioneer High School. The registration deadline is Friday, February 7th and practices will begin in mid-February. Parents can register their students on-line at: tinyurl.com/WESOregistration2020. For more information, contact Nick Hutchinson (DickenWESO@gmail.com) or (734)913-9418.

Girls on the Run
Hello Dicken Community! Thank you very much for donating old blankets & towels - all donations were given to the Humane Society and they were very happy to receive these!

Additionally, we are still looking for additional volunteer coaches to sign up: https://www.girlsontherunsemi.org/Coach and help us run this wonderful program for our 3rd-5th grade girls for the Spring Season. If you are the parent of a girl in those grades and decide to coach, your child will also get a discount to sign up for the program!

General Registration for the program has begun and early pricing will end on Feb 21st: https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/spring2020programregistration?sid=24fc41dfe5544e8b80f0197bd4dda183. Practices will be held Mondays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm and the program will run from early March-mid May.

Please feel free to fill out the coach application and let me know if you have any questions regarding practices or the program itself. Thank you!

- Daniela Lopez Girls on the Run Dicken Elementary Site Leader & Coach
**Recess Lunch Clubs Looking for Volunteers!**
We’re doing something new and exciting this year.

The Dicken kids lighthouse group has come up with a number of activities for the student body to participate in during recess. These activities will improve and enrich all who partake and as usual, we need volunteers to bring the kids’ vision to reality.

Please follow this link to match your availability with an activity you are interested in helping the children with. Information collected from here will be used to create a schedule going forward. Feel free to pass this on to responsible, interested talented parties that you may know.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084aacaa292-recess](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084aacaa292-recess)

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*In a world where you can be anything, be kind.*