Dicken families,
Here are this week’s updates from Principal Madison and the PTO. In this issue:

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- Vanessa Revelli
PTO communications chair

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—> 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**

**Black History Month:** All parents are invited to come to school on NAAPID, Monday, February 10th and participate in the events held that day. Dicken will hold an all school Jazzistry assembly at 9:30 am. There will also be a NAAPID Luncheon for parents at 11:30 am followed by our 5th Grade African-American Wax Museum at 1:25 pm. Please join us for part of the day or even the entire day if you can.

**Recess Clubs:** Ms. Jennifer Brogno has arranged for our students to receive some lunch time enrichment activities. Students will be able to choose to stay inside during their lunch recess time and participate in some neat activities including singing, sewing, writing a play, & meditation/yoga. Check out the schedule above in the weekly agenda.

**Count Day:** Our 2nd semester Count Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12tn. Please make sure your child is in attendance on this day. 2nd semester allocations are determined by those enrolled.
**Y5’s/Kindergarten Round-Up:** Please help spread the word and encourage parents who have kids that will be eligible to attend Y5’s or Kindergarten next year to attend our Y5’s/Kindergarten Round Up being held on Thursday, February 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2020. The evening will start with registration beginning at 6:00 pm

**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:
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**Important Dates:**

**This Week, February 10\textsuperscript{th} - February 14\textsuperscript{th}**

**Mon Feb 10\textsuperscript{th}**  
National Pride Day  
**NAAPID**  
9:00am - 4:00pm **NAAPID** Parents visit child’s classroom  
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Hubbard’s 3\textsuperscript{rd} grade class  
9:30am – 10:30am **NAAPID** Jazzistry Assembly  
11:30am – 1:00pm **NAAPID** Luncheon, Media Center  
12:20pm – 12:42pm Recess Singers (4\textsuperscript{th} & 5\textsuperscript{th}), Room 116  
1:25pm – 2:25pm **NAAPID** 5\textsuperscript{th} Grade Wax Museum, MPR  
4:00pm – 5:30pm Brownies/Juniors Mtg, Art Room
Tue Feb 11th
9:45am – 12:30pm 5th Grade to St Joseph Hospital “Healthy Hearts”
11:30am – 1:06pm Recess Sewing (All Grades), Media Center

Wed Feb 12th
All Day
2nd Semester Count Day!
11:30am – 12:18pm Recess Drama/Writing (Y5’s-2nd), Media Center

Thu Feb 13th
8:15am – 8:45am Dicken Light House Team Mtg, Fox’s Room
12:18pm – 12:42pm Recess Drama/Writing (4th & 5th), Media Center
12:18pm – 12:42pm Meditation/Yoga (4th & 5th) Music Room

Fri Feb 14th
School Pride Day
Valentine’s Day
2:30pm - 3:10pm Valentine’s Day Classroom Arts & Crafts

Next Week, February 17th - February 21st

Mon Feb 17th
National Pride Day
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Bahr’s 2nd grade class
12:20pm – 12:42pm Recess Singers (4th & 5th), Room 116
4:00pm – 5:30pm Daisies/Jr’s Mtg, Art Room

Tue Feb 18th
11:30am – 1:06pm Recess Sewing (All Grades), Media Center

Wed Feb 19th
11:30am – 12:18pm Recess Drama/Writing (Y5’s-2nd), Media Center

Thu Feb 20th
12:18pm – 12:42pm Recess Drama/Writing (4th & 5th), Media
Center
12:18pm – 12:42pm Recess Meditation/Yoga (4th & 5th) Music Room
6:00pm – 8:00pm Y5’s/Kdg Round Up, Whole Building

Fri Feb 21st
School Pride Day
9:30am - 11:45am 1st Grade to Wild Swan Theater Performance
3:00pm – 3:15pm Security Drill #3

Notes from Our PTO
February-
Box tops are due at the end of the month if you are clipping them off boxes please turn them into your classroom teacher now.

Your room parents should have been in contact with you about the plans for your classroom Valentines Day Party, Friday February 14.

Looking ahead to March -
March 3-Sweet Treats for staff - sweets and cookie exchange for Dicken staff, buy or bake 2-3 dozen and bring them to the media center on the morning of March 3. Volunteers will organize into boxes and deliver them to all staff. Please consider volunteering for an hour in the morning! Sign up to follow.

Used book Sale March 13th and Family Reading Night at Dicken ! Please begin bringing in books of all reading levels To donate. All books are .25 cents. Please send your child with money to buy books on this day-$5 or less please. We will need 4 daytime volunteers and 2 evening volunteers during family reading night from 6-8 pm. Sign up to follow.

March 20th -Auction Fundraiser! Bring you Boo, Bring your Bestie, Bring your Brain and Book your Babysitter because it’s trivia auction time people!
Carrie Klimkowicz
PTO President

**Girls on the Run**
We are still looking for additional volunteer coaches to sign up: [https://www.girlsontherunsemi.org/Coach](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=24fc41dfc5544e8b80f0197bd4dda183](https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/spring2020programregistration?sid=24fc41dfc5544e8b80f0197bd4dda183). 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

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