Welcome February!
Our winter walk had a wonderful turn out, thank you to all who came, it was beautiful evening. Thank you to Erin Kaleba from PTOs hospitality who made some delicious hot cocoa for the evening.
Our WINE POLL WINNER is Agustina Fragner who will win a $25 gift to target for donating wine! Thanks to everyone who donated this year- it was our best wine poll yet!

FEBRUARY dates to remember...
Feb. 10th NAAPID assembly and lunch provided by PTO- all are welcome.
Feb. 14th. Valentines Day Parties during the school day. Please make sure you know what your room parents are planning.
March-
March 3 (Tuesday) Dicken Teacher cookie exchange! Yum. Please make or buy or order (it is Girl Scout cookie time) 2-3 dozen cookies to give to our teachers to show our appreciation! Drop off in the media center on March 3rd. at 9:00am. We will mix and organize all the cookies into boxes for ALL Dicken staff.

March 20- Auction time!! Please check backpack mail this coming week for the flyer- And put it on your fridge!

Carrie Klimkowicz
PTO President

**Influenza**
Due to the high levels of influenza in our community, we want to remind everyone to do their part in reducing the spread of the virus. Washtenaw County is showing peak levels of influenza activity with high numbers of hospitalizations from flu-related illness.

Please keep your child home if they are experiencing influenza like symptoms, such as:
• Cough
• Sore throat
• Runny nose
• Body aches
• Fever
• Excessive fatigue
• Occasionally vomiting/diarrhea

Your child should not return to school until fever free for 24 hours. The same holds true for vomiting and diarrhea. Avoid contact with those who are ill, wash hands frequently especially after sneezing, coughing or touching a used tissue. Also, remind your kiddos to avoid touching their nose, mouth and eyes.

Keep your immune system strong by:

• Drinking lots of fluid
• Eating a healthy diet
• Staying physically active
• Getting plenty of rest

It is not too late to get vaccinated. The Health Department is encouraging everyone 6 months and older to get a flu vaccine this year. Thank you and be well!

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

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**Science Olympiad Coaches Needed:**

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.

PTO Thrift Shop
Here is the current PTO Thrift Shop Promotion: