



Northwood Times



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February 2019

February	
1st	Yearbook Cover Voting
7th	Flag Salute/Multicultural Day
8th	PTA Literacy Afternoon
14th	Valentine's Day
15th	Minimum Day
18th-22nd	Presidents Week-No School
28th	4th/5th Orchestra Concert
March	
1st	Dr. Seuss Day
7th	Flag Salute/Color Day
15th-22nd	Conference Week Begins
18th-22nd	Book Fair
26th	Spring Picture Day

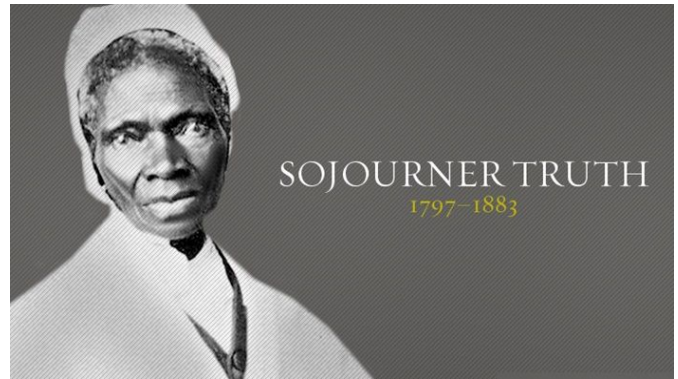
Minimum Day February 15th
1:00 p.m. Dismissal
Have a great Break!

Principal's Message

February may be a short month but one filled with so many fun activities and events. Many of our families have gathered together this week to celebrate Lunar New Year. We also have Valentine's Day next week and our break for President's Week coming up, which is also great chance to spend some great time together as a family. Finally, we celebrate Black History Month by learning about the special contributions of African-Americans. This month we explore the life of Sojourner Truth and her groundbreaking work as an abolitionist, speaker, and activist continues to inspire those who seek social justice for all.

Sincerely,

Celebrate Black History Month:



Sojourner Truth was an African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist. She was born into slavery in Swartekill, Ulster County, New York, but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826. After going to court to recover her son, she became the first black woman to win such a case against a white man.

- Sojourner Truth's real name was Isabella Baumfree.
- She was born in 1797, on the Colonel Johannes Hardenbergh estate in Swartekill, New York.
- Dumont, her last owner, promised Sojourner freedom, but broke his promise. She left one morning with her infant daughter, Sophia
- She wandered, praying for direction, and came to the home of Isaac and Maria Van Wagenen. The Van Wagenen's paid her owner (Dunmont) \$20 for her and she remained with them until state emancipation on July 4, 1827
- Sojourner Truth had a life-changing religious experience and became an amazing preacher. In later years she became a political activist, fighting for the freedom of slaves and women's rights.
- Sojourner Truth died on November 26, in Battle Creek, Michigan, at the age of 86.



Mr. Derrick
President's Day Fun Facts

In honor of President's Day we've put together some fun facts about our nation's leaders.

- John Adams died on the same day as Thomas Jefferson, July 4th, 1826. This day was also the 50th anniversary of the approval of the Declaration of Independence!
- Thomas Jefferson was also an accomplished architect. He designed his famous home at Monticello as well as buildings for the University of Virginia.
- James Madison was the shortest president at 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighed 100 pounds. Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president at 6 feet 4 inches tall (Lyndon B. Johnson was also 6' 4").
- Abraham Lincoln often stored things like letters and documents in his tall stove-piped hat.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt met President Grover Cleveland when he was five years old. Cleveland said "I am making a wish for you. It is that you may never become president of the United States".
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to appear on television during a 1939 broadcast from the World's Fair.
- At 42 years, 10 months, 18 days old Teddy Roosevelt was the youngest man to hold the office of president. Ronald Reagan was the oldest at 69 years 11 months. John F. Kennedy was the youngest to be elected president.
- Teddy Roosevelt was blind in his left eye due to an injury in a boxing match.
- John F. Kennedy was the first president who was a Boy Scout.
- Woodrow Wilson was buried at the Washington National Cathedral. He is the only president buried in Washington D.C.
- Barack Obama won a Grammy Award in 2006 for his voice on the audio book *Dreams From My Father*.
- After working at a Baskin-Robbins as a teen, President Obama no longer likes ice cream. Bummer!
- Bill Clinton enjoys playing the saxophone and was a member of a band called "Three Blind Mice" in high school.
- Martin Van Buren was the first president to be born as a citizen of the United States. The presidents before him were born as British subjects.
- William Henry Harrison was the 9th president. His grandson, Benjamin Harrison, was the 23rd president.
- John Tyler had 15 children. The White House must have been hopping!
- James K. Polk was the first president to have his photograph taken while in office.

2019: The Year of the Pig



The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be

decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

The Pig is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支 -dì zhī) hài (亥), and the hours 9-11 in the night. In terms of yin and yang (阴阳 -yīn yáng), the Pig is yin. In Chinese culture, pigs are the symbol of wealth. Their chubby faces and big ears are signs of fortune as well.

Personality and characteristics

Pigs might not stand out in a crowd. But they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action. Pigs are the opposite.

Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are a bit materialistic, but this is motivation for them to work hard. Being able to hold solid objects in their hands gives them security.

They are energetic and are always enthusiastic, even for boring jobs. If given the chance, they will take positions of power and status. They believe that only those people have the right to speak, and that's what they want.

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