

FEBRUARY IS BLACK  
HISTORY MONTH



FEBRUARY CHARACTER  
TRAIT IS KINDNESS

# Polk Elementary February 2017 Newsletter

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## STATE COUNT DAY

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Parents, please make every effort to have your child in school on this date. Report absences to 313-203-0502.

## MID-WINTER PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Appointment times are sent home with students.

Wednesday, February 15

Half Day of School

Conferences in the afternoon by appointment.

Thursday, February 16

Half Day of School

Conferences in the afternoon & evening by appointment.



**\*\*Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on half days of school.\*\***

**Future Chefs recipe entry forms are due no later than Friday, February 10, 2017. Forms are available in the school office.**

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK (February 12-18)

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## PBIS STUDENT OF THE MONTH



In honor of **Random Acts of Kindness Week**, we will all wear **PINK** on Friday, February 17th.

Each month teachers will choose students who excel at a PBIS character trait. We will celebrate with them at an assembly. Parents are invited to attend the assembly if their child is chosen.

Our next Student of the Month assembly is Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 9:00 a.m.

The PBIS February character trait is:

**KINDNESS!**

## FEBRUARY DATES

- 1 Report Card Day
- 2 **PPA Popcorn Sale!**  
Mrs. Smith
- 3 PBIS Reward Day!
- 6 **LATE START**
- 8 State Count Day
- 10 *Future Chefs Recipe Entry Forms Due*
- 13 **Book Fair Begins**  
Jump Rope  
Fundraiser Week  
**Random Acts of Kindness Week**
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 15 **HALF DAY**  
Conferences
- 16 **HALF DAY**  
Conferences
- 17 **Wear Pink Today!**
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 21 NO SCHOOL
- 23 **PPA Popcorn Sale!**  
Mrs. Heise-Kaiser
- 27 **LATE START**  
PPA Mtg. 7 p.m.
- 28 PBIS Student of Month Assembly

## March 1st

Reading Month

Assembly

**HALF DAY**

Please remember that all students are dismissed at **11:30 a.m. on half days** of school.



## February is Black History Month

### Then to Now

Black History Month reflects on and honors the African-American experience from the times of slavery through the present. Everywhere you look, black culture, talent, and expression have played an enormous role in shaping America's past and present.

1500s-1750	Slaves Arrive in America
1800-1865	A Movement to End Slavery
1865-1872	Road to Freedom
1905-1909	The NAACP is Formed
1920s	The Harlem Renaissance
1954-1956	Fighting for Civil Rights
1960s-1965	Malcom X Makes His Mark
1963-1965	March on Washington
1968	Martin Luther King Jr. is Killed
1972	Taking Affirmative Action
1983	Jesse Jackson Runs for President
1995	The Million Man March
2009-2017	Achieving Power in Government with Barack Obama as President



*Information taken from TIME for kids.*



### VISIT THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IN THE POLK LIBRARY THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13th



All Polk Elementary students will have an opportunity to purchase books during their library times the week of February 13th.

Parents and students may purchase books during conference times including the evening of **Thursday, February 16th**. More information will be sent home prior to the Book Fair.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Book Fair and shelving books in our library. Remember that you will need an updated background check on file with the office if you are able to volunteer.

Please contact Mrs. Lenington, Polk Media Specialist, at [leningpa@dhsd7.net](mailto:leningpa@dhsd7.net) or at **313-203-5406** if you can volunteer. Thank you!

### PLEASE REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

#### LATE START

Monday, February 6th and Monday, February 27th are late start days. Classes start 1 hour later at 9:15 a.m.

#### HALF DAYS

Wednesday, February 15th and Thursday, February 16th are half days of school. Dismissal is 11:30 a.m.

#### NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 21st school will be closed for mid-winter break.