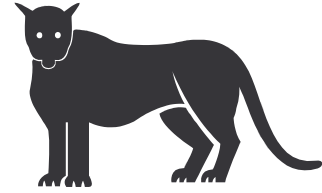


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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### ***Avalon Celebrates March is Reading Month!***

#### ***Lights, Camera, Ac- tion...Be a Reading Star!***

Mary Hohman, writing in High/Scope Extensions, describes the many pleasures of reading with young children.

“Looking at reading and talking about books with children magically transports you and the children out of your immediate surroundings. You can live in the past, the present or the future: a real place; or an imaginative world where animals talk and mingle with humans, fairies, giants and ‘wild things.’ Psychologically, these places can be safe, reassuring, scary, strange, familiar, whimsical, puzzling or absurd. The beauty is that children can enter and leave these worlds at

will by opening or closing a book. They can venture forth on their own, with friends, or snuggled comfortably next to you or any other book-loving adults. So supply children with wonderful books and read them with pleasure all the time.”

### ***March is Parent- ing Awareness Month!***

Effective Parenting Includes:

- Showing children love, concern, and respect at all times.
- Giving children a safe place to live and play.
- Helping children express their feelings appropriately, and listening to what they say.

- Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible.
- Having reasonable rules that are understood by all.
- Being responsible and teaching children to be responsible.
- Spending time with children.
- Setting an example by what we say and do.
- Asking for help when we need it.
- Letting children know how fortunate we are to be their parents.
- Working with our schools and communities to make them better for children.

March /April 2011

#### • ***Jeanne Poleski, Principal***

- *Cheryll Heckman, Secretary*
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#### ***FAMILY SWIM NIGHT***

***FRIDAY, March 18th***

***6:00-8:00 p.m.***

*Let's celebrate the start of Spring with a swim night at the SLHS pool! Bring your suits, towels and floaties for a night of splishing and splashing! No cost!*

**MARCH IS CONFERENCE TIME!**

We are so appreciative for the wonderful attendance at this month's Parent Teacher Conferences!. Conferences were truly a celebration of learning as we, as educators, got to share with parents how much your child has learned and grown socially, emotionally and academically! If you missed your conference, please contact your child's teacher to set up another time to meet. You will want to see your child's report card to share in their successes!

**Additional Half Day Reminders**

**Tuesday, March 29th, and Tuesday, April 12th are now half days of school. Dismissal will be at 11:18 a.m. While students are off school on these afternoons, teachers will be collaboratively writing grade level instructional units for the Primary Years Programme (PYP). These units will be part of our school's required documentation as we seek International Baccalaureate authorization in October, 2011.**

**ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL**

Please be sure to call the Avalon Office at 435-1000 or the Avalon Attendance Line at 435-1050 if your child is absent from school. The attendance line is open until 8:00 AM each day. **For the safety of all children, it is important that you call one of the above two numbers whenever your child is absent from school.**

**Lunch News**

*An apple a day keeps the doctor away.....*

*This year's lunch program includes recess first, followed by lunch. Therefore, students are entering the lunch room directly from the playground.*

*With this in mind, you may want to consider packing a Handi-wipe in your student's lunch box or pocket.*

**LUNCH & BREAKFAST PRICES**

Lunch.....	\$2.50
Milk.....	\$.50
Breakfast.....	\$1.35

Please note that if your child forgets to order their lunch in the morning, they will be provided nacho chips and cheese, along with the rest of the full meal side dishes, and will be charged the full lunch price. Lunches must be ordered for the day by 8:45 a.m.

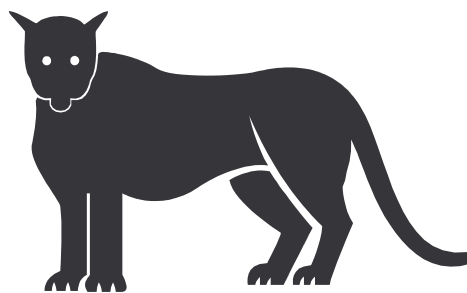


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### PYP Learner Profile

As we continue our journey towards becoming an authorized International Baccalaureate PYP school, we are helping our students to learn and live the attributes of the Learner Profile. This month focuses on the attribute of being KNOWLEDGEABLE. Students will begin to understand the importance of learning about ideas and issues that are of importance to themselves and others at both a local and global level. With this knowledge, they will learn to be more appreciative of the people and world around them.

Our goal is to help students see connections that can be made beyond school and that can occur at home and in their communities. Throughout the month, please ask your child to share the lessons, class discussions, and literature that they have experienced that focused on helping them to become more knowledgeable.

If you observe your child becoming more “knowledgeable” (trying to learn about issues in the world around them), please mention this to your child. Help them to realize the connections they are making.

“Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice.”

Anton Chekhov

### March Is Reading Month!

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for making March is Reading month such a success! We appreciate the beautiful hallway and library displays and having you hang all of the reading stars on the walls.

What a great month this is to celebrate the art and joy of reading! Please remember the following reading activities during the rest of this month:

**March 18th—Cozy Read—In:** Wear your pajamas, robe and slippers to school. Bring a blanket and favorite bedtime story to read by yourself or with friends.

**March 24th-Choice Day** with Reading Themes

**March 31st-Character Parade:** To celebrate the conclusion of March is Reading Month festivities, the students will participate in the parade dressed as their favorite book character. They may wear their costume to school in the morning and the parade will be at 2:15 p.m.

**Every Day—Read and Record** what you read in your reading log to win prizes, lunch with the principal and to be the principal for a day!

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