

4th Grade News 3-2-20

What We're Learning:

Reading: We have wrapped up our Black History biographies and this week students will be making posters on the individual they studied to present to their peers. We will be taking several end of trimester assessments over the next week, as well. If your child is required to have his/her reading level reassessed, I will communicate that new information to you, as well.

Writing: To support students with their Expert Fair projects, I have decided to put our informational writing on hold so that students have time in class to work on their projects. I checked in with students on Friday and we had a lesson on how to use notecards and what information to include. I will be checking their notecards on Wednesday when I return. Don't forget that the Expert Fair is Wednesday, March 11th from 10:00-11:00 in the MPR. We hope you can join us!

Math: Our work with fractions has continued and students are building a really strong foundation for continued work this year and 5th grade. Students have been working on ordering and comparing fractions through several strategies. We have used tape diagrams, area models, number lines, and finding common denominators to do this work.

Science: We are taking a break from social studies to begin our next science unit on Earth's changing surfaces. Thus far, we've learned about what landforms are and how they are formed and shaped. Last week we conducted an experiment on rivers and how they change the surface of the land. We will also be learning about wind erosion with another investigation later this week.

In Other News:

Read Across America:

Would you like to join us to read a favorite picture book to the class this week for Read Across America? Please let me know if you'd like to be a guest reader Wednesday-Friday of this week. March 6th is also our literature character spirit day.

Apollo PTAs 10th Annual Multicultural Night:

Save the date for Apollo PTA Multicultural Night: Harmoniously Unique is on **March 13th!** This fantastic school tradition gives everyone a chance to come together and celebrate all the amazing cultures our students represent. Join us for an evening of culturally themed student performances, fashion, food and fun!

If you would like to help or participate with the event we are still looking for food contributions for “Bite of Apollo” and participants for the main show (both fashion and cultural talent show. If interested, email is at:

multiculturalnight@apollopta.org Thank you all for your enthusiasm and we hope to see you there!!

Family Paint Night:

The Apollo PTA is hosting our first Family Paint Night Fundraiser with all proceeds going toward the new playground. Join us **March 20th from 6pm-8pm** for a night of painting and fun. \$40 includes all supplies and instruction needed to leave with beautiful 16”x20” painting. Families are welcome to work together on one painting or purchase additional canvases for \$20 with a current PTA membership. Visit our website for more information and to purchase your ticket. (Prices increase at the door).

Playground Fundraiser:

Get Excited! Apollo Elementary's 50th Anniversary is right around the corner and to celebrate this momentous occasion, the Apollo PTA Playground Committee is VERY EXCITED to share our design for a new playground! We need YOUR help to raise \$54,000 from now **until May 5th!** For more information regarding the playground, please go to the Apollo website and be on the lookout for a letter in your child's backpack! Any questions, please feel free to email president@apollopta.org.

Calendar of Events: Please refer to my website’s homepage, Apollo Rocket E-News, or the [Apollo PTA’s website](#) for up-to-date information on upcoming events!