

March 2019



Dr. Seuss



Theodore Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was born in 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He had a happy childhood and credits his ability and desire to create rhymes to his mother, who used to chant rhymes to him as he fell asleep. His first children's book, *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street*, is filled with Springfield imagery.

Ted left Springfield to attend Dartmouth College where he became editor-in-chief of the *Jack-O-Lantern*, a humor magazine. He went on to Oxford University in England, but being bored with college, decided to tour Europe instead. After returning to the United States, he began

to pursue a career as a cartoonist. *The Saturday Evening Post* and other publications published his early works.

As World War II approached, he began to contribute political cartoons to magazines and also made training movies for the war effort. It was here that he learned the art of animation.

The Cat In the Hat was perhaps the defining book of Dr. Seuss' career. At the time of his

death on September 24, 1991, Dr. Seuss had written and illustrated 44 children's books, including such all-time favorites as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, *Fox in Socks*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. His books have been translated into more than 15 languages. Over 200 million copies have found their way into homes and hearts around the world.

Besides the books, his works have provided the source for 11 television specials, a Broadway musical and a feature-length motion picture. His honors include two Academy Awards, two Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

Important Dates

- 4-8—Dr. Seuss Week
- 7—Jump Rope for Heart
- 7—Kindergarten Mtg. 6 pm.
- 8-15 Book Fair
- 8—2nd grade to Malden Youth Museum
- 12—End of 3rd Quarter
- 12—PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14—Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- 15—Spring Pictures
- 21—3rd Quarter Assembly; K-2 @ 9:30am; 3-5 @ 10 am
- 25-26—PK and K Screening
- 26—MAP Awards Assembly @ 9 am

Save the Dates!

Student attendance is very important throughout the year, but of extra importance during the MAP test. There will be more information on these tests in future newsletters.

Please make doctors appointments, dentist/orthodontist appointments, etc. that do not conflict with the following testing dates if possible.

Testing Schedule:

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| April 1: 3rd ELA; 5th Science | April 8: Make-ups |
| April 2: 3rd ELA; 5th Science | April 9: 3rd Math; 4th Math |
| April 3: 4th ELA; make-ups | April 10: 4th Math; 3rd Math |
| April 4: 4th ELA; 5th ELA | April 11: 5th Math; make-ups |
| April 5: 4th ELA; 5th ELA | April 12: 5th Math; make-ups |

Kindergarten meeting—March 7

A Kindergarten orientation meeting for parents and their children (who will be attending Kindergarten the 2019-2020 school year) will be held on Thursday, March 07 at 6:00 pm. in the elementary gym.

A bus ride, school tour, a lunch-room snack, a Kindergarten activity and a school supply list will be provided in the meeting. Kindergarten teachers will briefly discuss the expectations of Kindergarten, what your child will learn, and what you can do to get your child ready for Kindergarten. A booklet with this

information and more will be provided for you. In addition, you will also receive information on the necessary shots and paperwork needed to register your child for Kindergarten.

If you have not already scheduled your child for screening, you may do so at the meeting. Your child must be age five before August 1, 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten.



**"We could learn a lot from crayons:
Some are sharp,
Some are pretty,
Some are dull,
Some have weird names,
And all are different colors;
But they all have to live in the same box."**

Author Unknown

Pre-K and Kindergarten Screening

Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be held on March 25 and 26, 2019 from 8:15-3:00 each day. Screening will take approximately one to two hours. Parents who are unable to attend the March 07 meeting may call 545-3541 ext. 1 to schedule a screening appointment.

Please bring the following documents with you to screening:

- ◆ A certified copy of your child's birth certificate
- ◆ An up-to-date shot record
- ◆ Proof of residency
- ◆ Parent ID

