

# MICHAEL T SIMMONS NEWSLETTER

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Every great dream begins with a dreamer.  
Always remember, you have within you  
the strength, the patience, and the passion  
to reach for the stars to change the world.

Harriet Tubman

**Women's History Month is a celebration of women's** contributions to history, culture, and society, and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987.

It is a dedicated month to reflect on the contributions of women to United States history. From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of **women's history milestones** stretches back to the founding of the United States.

## Upcoming Events



### MARCH

- 1 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 2 Kids Closet Clothing Giveaway  
12:00pm-3:00pm @ MTS Gym
- 8 Act Day 1:55 Release
- 11 1st-3rd to OJP
- 15 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 22 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 25-29 Spring Book Fair
- 26-29 Conferences 1/2 Day (11:40 release)

### APRIL

- 1-5 Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- 8-19 Fun Run Fundraiser
- 12 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 19 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 22 4th and 5th to OJP
- 26 ACT Day 1:55 Release

### MAY

- 3 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 10 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 17 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 19 Kindergarten Orientation
- 2 ACT Day 1:55 Release
- 27 Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL

# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Spring parent teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, March 25th—Friday, March 29th. School will be released on those days at 11:40 am.

For most classes, just as in the fall, families will be able to schedule their conferences through Family Access in Skyward. Access to the conference scheduler will open Wednesday March 6h. The login page can be found [here](#). After logging in, click on the drop down menu at the top of the page to choose your student. On the left you should see "Conferences" in the list of options - click there. Across from your student's name you should see "All Conferences." Clicking that will expand the list to show you your student's teacher. Click "select a time" and choose your student's conference time. If you need to make special arrangements please contact your student's teacher directly. Please look out for communication from the teacher for any changes or exceptions.

## Inter-District & Inter-zone Transfers

### Transfer Request Timeline:

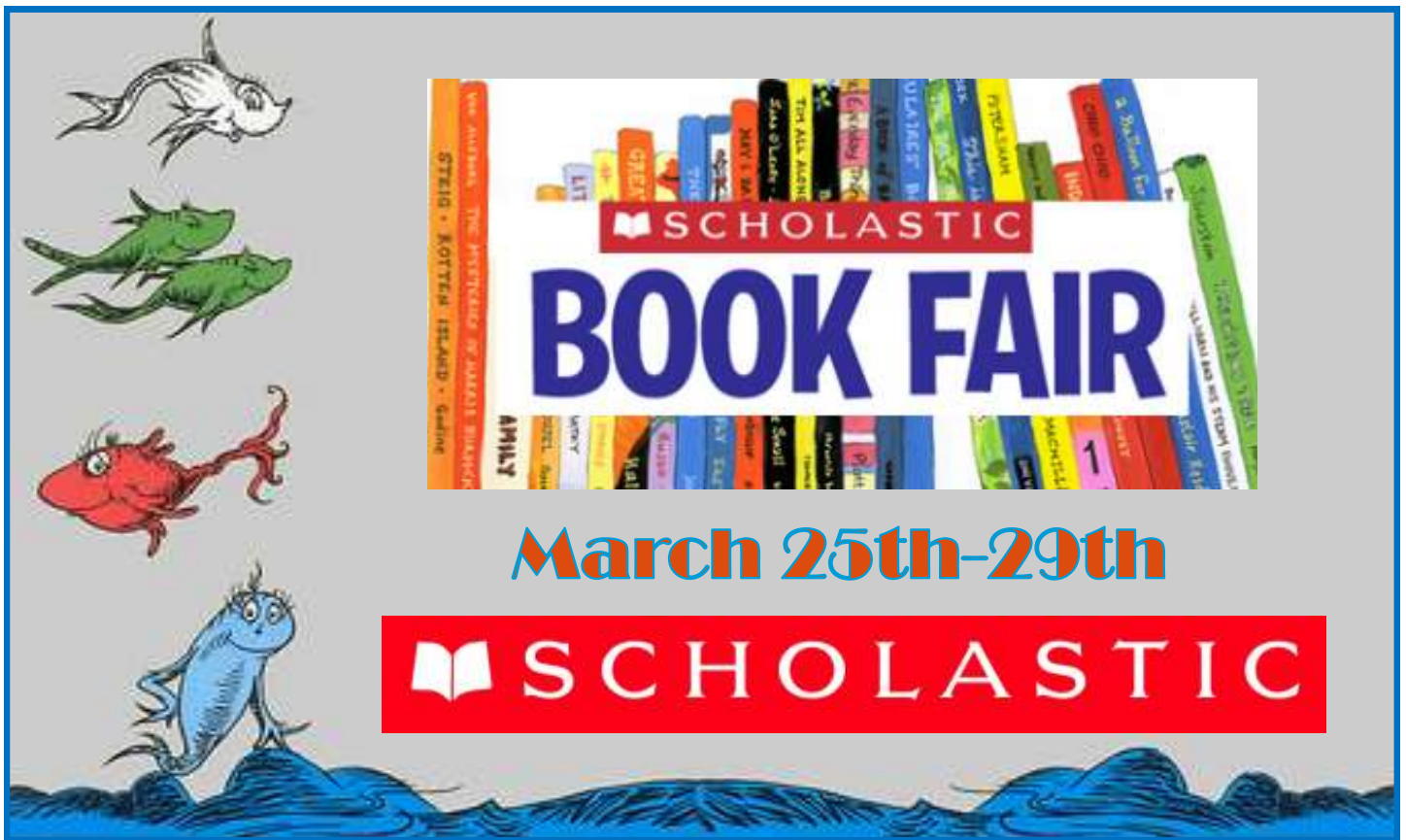
#### February 1st - 28th Grades 6—12

1. **Full-Time Staff:** New and Renewal Intra-District and Non-Resident Requests (per RCW 28A.225.225)
2. **Intra-District: Renewal Transfer Requests** for any student attending a TSD school outside of their TSD resident school, including TVA
3. **Intra-District: New Requests**
4. **Non-Resident: Renewal Requests**
5. **Non-Resident: New Requests**

#### March 1st— Kindergarten—Grade 5

**Intra-District and Non-Resident: New Requests (Kindergarten)**









# Spring Break

## April 1st-5th



### Please Check the Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with so many nice coats, water bottles, and gloves. Please stop by and check to see if any of them belong to your student. Spring Conferences will be 3/26-3/29 and this would be a great time to check the Lost and Found. Any items left over will be donated during Spring Break.



## Olympia Junior Programs

**March 11th—1st through 3th graders will see “DINO-LIGHT”:** In this original storyline, a famous scientist with magic powers brings a friendly dinosaur to life. When the dinosaur wanders away from home, he discovers a wonderful world full of creatures that light up the darkness and help him find the meaning of love. This glow-in-the-dark adventure is visually stunning and has been praised for its cutting edge blend of puppetry, technology, and dance by audiences all over the world.

**April 24th—4th and 5th graders will see “Frindle”:** Based on the book by Andrew Clements. Nicholas Allen has plenty of ideas. When he ends up in Mrs. Granger’s language arts class, he has his best idea ever. He decides to create his own word... FRINDLE! Before long Nick’s word creates a buzz in his school, his town and then to his surprise it spreads all around the country, and a power struggle erupts with the strict Mrs. Granger. Will the word “Frindle” win? Based on the multiple award winning best-selling novel by Andrew Clements this quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words will have your young audience inventing their own words.

## \*ATTENDANCE\*

IF YOUR STUDENT IS LATE TO SCHOOL BY 60 OR MORE MINUTES, THEY ARE MARKED ABSENT FOR THE ENTIRE MORNING.

IF YOUR STUDENT LEAVES SCHOOL 60 OR MORE MINUTES EARLY, THEY ARE MARKED ABSENT FOR THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON.

STUDENT DROP OFF BEGINS AT 8:30 AM. SCHOOL STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:40 AM. IF A STUDENT ARRIVES AFTER 8:40 THEY ARE MARKED TARY. **TARDIES WILL ACCUMULATE AND COUNT TOWARDS THE STUDENT’S TOTAL ATTENDANCE.** PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO ARRIVE TO SCHOOL ON TIME EACH DAY.

If your student will be absent for the day, please call our office at (360) 709-7100

\*Old Navy\*\*Hollister\*\*Under Armour\*\*Gymboree\*\*Aeropostale\*\*Nike\*\*Cat&Jack\*\*Reebok\*



American Eagle\*\*Carters\*\*Adidas\*\*Ann Taylor\*\* GAP\*\*Levi\*\*The Children's Place\*\* and More!

## Kids Closet Clothing Bank Give-Away

**When:** Saturday March 4, 2023    12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Where:** Michael T Simmons Elementary Gym

1205 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW Tumwater

**Who:** Any Tumwater School District area infant, child & teen in need of clothing.

There is no income verification.

**\*\*\* PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAGS \*\*\***

*"Committed to assisting families with clothing needs through school & community involvement"*

If you, or a family you know, are in need of clothing, please come.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS WHO HAVE MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!



\*Donations of infant, child & teen clothes in good condition can be made at any Tumwater School District School or the District Office (Special Services). Financial contributions can be made to the Tumwater School District Student Assistance Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Alisa Grimm 360-789-9080. Volunteers are always needed!



# CONGRATULATIONS

These students consistently demonstrated our character of the month throughout the month of February and were honored at our awards assembly.

## CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH WINNERS - FRIENDSHIP





**IMPORTANT  
PICK UP/DROP OFF  
REMINDERS:**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK -UP AND  
DROP-OFF YOUR STUDENT(S) IN THE  
DESIGNATED PICK-UP & DROP-OFF  
ZONES.**

**PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES UN-  
TIL 8:25, THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF  
EVERYONE!**

