Happy Friday! Conferences are next week on Wednesday and Thursday. If you have not signed up for a time, please call the office and Patti will help you pick a time that is still available for a mid-quarter conference with the teachers. Dismissal on both days will be at 2:06. On Friday the 15th, there will not be school for anyone so that teachers can be compensated for working both evenings.

**Attendance:** Being in school every day means your child won’t miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and trips outside of school hours and days. If he or she asks to stay home “just because,” remind him or her what will be missed and explain that it is his or her job to be at school every single day.

**Questioning:** Instead of asking “How was school today?” you might get a better picture of your child’s day by asking: 1.What was the best thing that happened today? What went not so great? 2. Pretend that you are the teacher. How would you describe the day? 3. Did you laugh today? About what? 4. How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you? 5. Tell me one thing that you learned in one subject today or something that you wrote about.

**Study habits**: Studying at home can be made easier with some basic yet important strategies. Find a distraction-free study spot. Determine a study routine and reserve a set time whether it be before dinner or after dinner to complete homework or review for tests. Sometimes, students find it necessary to write down a goal or reason for studying such as “My goal for tonight is to memorize all of my vocabulary words for tomorrow’s social studies test.” Finally, encourage your child to experiment with study strategies to find out what works best. This could include mind sketching, reciting math facts aloud in a rhythm or song or practicing spelling words using a variety of writing utensils (pens, colored pencils, markers, and crayons).

**Spring Book Fair Volunteers:** Our next book fair is quickly approaching.  The date of this event is February 25th - March 1st. Once again we are in need of volunteers.  Click on the link provided to see areas of need and times you can help.  THANKS in advance for volunteering!!

Volunteer URL: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/4cRsBQtWb>

**Book Fair:** Sagewood PTO is hosting a special event for Sagewood families during the Spring Book Fair. Come and enjoy a donut and some juice with your special student(s) and shop the book fair before school.

To help prevent overcrowding and help get kids into classrooms on time we are asking students with last names A-H bring their families in on **Tuesday, February 26th** from 7:00-8:00am, while students with last names I-Z attend **Thursday, February 28th** from 7:00-8:00am. Families who can’t make it to their designated day are welcome to attend on the other.

If you are able to help cashier for the Book Fair during the event, please sign up at <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/4cRsBQtWb>.

If you are interested in helping hand out donuts and juice to the Sagewood Families participating in the event, please contact Janel Asuncion. [janelasuncion@gmail.com](mailto:janelasuncion@gmail.com)

Family Dinner Nights

Mark your calendars for the following fundraising dinner nights.

* Wednesday, February 13th at Panera, 134th & Maple St 4pm-8pm. Dine in, Carry Out or Delivery.

Percentages of the total sales will be donated back to the school when you tell the waitstaff that you are with Sagewood.

Next PTO Meeting

Monday, February 18th at 6:30pm. 3rd grade teachers will be presenting. Child care is provided.

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