



events THIS MONTH

Women's History Month

- 3/1 Read Across America Event
- 3/8 International Women's Day (#InspireInclusion)
- 3/10 Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward!
- 3/10 Ramadan Begins
- 3/15 Wear Green - St. Patrick's Day
- 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19 First Day of Spring
- 3/19 Happy Nowruz!
- 3/20 Spring Class Parties
- 3/22 Crazy Hair Day
- 3/24 Happy Holi!
- 3/25-29 SCHOOL CLOSED
SPRING BREAK
- 3/31 Happy Easter
- 3/31 Cesar Chavez Day
- 4/1 SCHOOL CLOSED –
Cesar Chavez Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING

From International Women's Day,

to Nowruz and Holi, March is filled with wonderful holidays, celebrations and learning opportunities!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LOOK WHO'S TURNING

- 3! – Kelly O., Pax S., Shokei E.
- 4! – Olympia K.
- 5! – Alyx B.

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- 3/10: Ms. Karin
- 3/12: Ms. Suzie
- 3/27: Ms. Jessica
- 3/29: Ms. Claudia
- 3/31: Ms. Jasmin

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



Ms. Jasmin
20 years.



Ms. Raquel G.
6 years.



Ms. Arely
22 years.



LATE STARTS

Don't forget your child's late start day for this month, they may arrive **no earlier than 9am** on that day. This is when your child's teachers have their monthly meeting.

2's – Tuesday, 3/5 3's – Tuesday, 3/12 4's – Tuesday, 3/19

Holi: Festival of Colors

What is Holi?

Holi the "Festival of Colors" is a two-day Hindu festival in March that marks the start of spring. Holi always falls on *Purnima*, or the day of the full moon, and has been celebrated in India since at least the 4th Century! The first day is about cleansing and the second day centers on the festival of colors. It's a joyous celebration of rebirth and new beginnings as winter ends and spring begins.



About the Celebration

On the first evening, *Holika Dahan*, people burn bonfires to celebrate the victory of good over evil. On the second day, *Rangwali Holi*, people have fun with the color festival. While Holi has some Hindu religious significance, the day is more about community fun, than about solemn *puja*, or prayer.

Holi celebrations occur in people's backyards, outside temples, at parks, and even just in the streets. People wear white clothes and splash powdered dyes (*gulal*) in vivid colors on friends and family. They also spray water with water guns known as *pichkari* and throw water balloons. There is music and dancing in the streets, and revelers eat sweets and traditional delicacies. While not specific to *Holi* alone, *rangoli* (colorful patterns of powders, sand, rice and flowers) are assembled and painted on the floors of houses, businesses and temples. *Rangoli* symbolize happiness and positivity in a household, and are meant to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good luck.



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