

# Sunset Notes

## March is Reading Month

March is a special month for the students at Sunset. The staff have planned many literacy/reading events to encourage our students to read.

- Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> is Read my Shirt Day! (wear a shirt with an appropriate message)
- Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> is Wear Your Favorite Color! (wear a color that makes you happy to celebrate how books brighten our world)
- Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> is School Spirit Day! (wear your school spirit clothes because our school loves to read)
- Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> is Reading Marathon Day! (wear your comfy clothes and snuggle up with a good book)



## ELL ACCESS Test Proficiency

Each year, Nashua students in the English language learner (ELL) program take the [ACCESS for ELLs language proficiency test](#). The test measures academic English language proficiency for students learning English in our school. Student progress will be measured in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. English learners in Nashua School District will complete ACCESS testing between January 27 and March 24. We will receive the results in late May and a copy will be sent home with the students to parents/guardians.

## Cold and Flu Season

It's winter and germs are on the rise. Flu, COVID RSV, and other illnesses can be easily spread from person to person. We are taking steps to reduce the spread of germs, we need your help to do this.

- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have a fever, without using fever-reducing medications
- Know the signs and symptoms of the Flu and COVID-19. Symptoms include fever (100 degrees or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired.
- Doctor's notes may be required for prolonged or serious illness or injury, per District policy.

### Notify the Main Office if your child is staying home.

Other reasons for a child to stay home:

- Drainage from the nose that is thick, dark yellow or green. Drainage should be clear color before returning to school
- Diarrhea and vomiting. Episodes of either of these are reasons for dismissal from school and a child must stay home for **at least 24 hours after** these symptoms stop
- Rash- until a doctor determines that the rash is **NOT** a communicable disease.
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)- white, yellow, green discharge from eye(s).

Strep Throat- your child must be on antibiotics for **24 hours** before they can return to school