

FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

ALL ABOUT FEBRUARY

Theme: What I like about you!

Colors: White & Red & Pink

Virtue: Integrity

Birthstone: Amethyst

Flower: Violet

DAYS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH

Black Heritage Month, National Self-Esteem Month, Chinese New Year 02/01, National Freedom Day 02/01, Ground Hog Day 02/02, Bubble Gum Day 02/04, Boy Scout Day 02/08, U.S. Weather Bureau Established 02/09/1870, National Pizza Day 02/09, Umbrella Day 02/10, George Washington Birthday 02/22, Abraham Lincoln Birthday 02/12, World's Radio Day 02/13, Valentine's Day 02/14, Susan B Anthony Birthday 02/15, Popcorn Invented 02/15, Random Act of Kindness Day 02/17, Pluto Day 02/18, International Tug-of-War Day 02/19, First American to orbit the Earth (John Glenn) 02/20, President's Day 02/16, Be Humble Day 02/22, National Tortilla Chip Day 02/24, Grand Canyon National Park Established 02/26/1919, International Polar Bear Day 02/27

Birthday wishes go out to the following people for the month of February and March

February Birthdays

02/01 Amara Lopez
02/04 Maverick McGuire
02/10 Ms. Francine
02/22 Olivia Bernard
02/23 Ms. Lauren
02/27 Olivia Pelletier
02/28 Ms. Medina
02/28 Ms. Dru
02/28 Ms Angela

March Birthdays

03/02 Micaiah Rias
03/09 Adrienne Munsami
03/10 Mrs. Saderup
03/11 Jude Abushehab
03/14 Asher Lundin
03/15 Benicio Grandmain
03/28 Ezekiel Meza

UPCOMING CALENDAR REMINDERS

FEBRUARY

- Thursday, February 5th-Student of the Month Awards Assembly at 8:30am on the front lawn
- Friday, February 13th-Valentine's Day Parties
- Friday, February 13th - Valentine Express Delivery
- Monday, February 9th-School Closed: Lincoln's Birthday... Entire School Closed
- Monday, February 16th-School Closed: Presidents Day... Entire School Closed
- Thursday, February 19th-Lifetouch Spring Pictures at 8:30am. Must Prepay. Free Dress.

MARCH

- Thursday, March 5th-Student of the Month Awards Assembly at 8:30am on the front lawn
- Friday, March 6th-Historical Dress Day 9:30am
- Monday, March 9th through Friday, March 13th - Scholastic Book Fair
- Friday, March 13th-Bike Day 12:30pm-3:00pm
- Wednesday, March 25th - Friday, April 3rd- Mystery Egg Grab

APRIL

- Thursday, April 2nd - Grandparents and Special Person Day
- Friday, April 3rd - Spring Parties

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

These awards are designed to recognize students who have performed in such a way as to warrant special honor. Examples are:

1. Scoring high on exams.
2. Showing an extreme positive attitude towards classwork, classmates, and the classroom.
3. Exemplifies leadership skills that encourages classmates and promotes a positive atmosphere.
4. Excels in various activities in the class.
5. A good combination of work habits and positive behavior.

These students will be honored by having their names placed in our monthly Newsletter and their achievements will be acknowledged with a certificate, special prizes, and a Student of the Month magnet. Our Student of the Month Awards Ceremony will be held on the front lawn Thursday, February 5th at 8:30am. January recipients are:

Ms. Niki Perera: Kindergarten-Prep

Juan Vasquez

Mrs. Terri Saderup: Kindergarten

Bodhi Wood

Reading

Benicio Grandmain
Miracle Wright

Kenzie Scheer

Bodhi Wood



Mrs. Jennifer Whittamore: First Grade

Jackson Ochoa

Reading

Liam Alvarado
Ezekiel Meza

Henley McGuire
Seraphina Ramos

George Suarez

Ms. Patty Rosas: Second Grade

Asher Lundin

Kahlani Parker

Reading

Cliona D'Alessio
Agustin Fraga
Trevi Sidoti

Maverick McGuire
Vladimir Stange
Asher Lundin

Kahlani Parker
Teagan Dallosa
Olivia Bernard

Ms. Nancy Medina : Third Grade

Jose Vasquez

Reading

Kenzleigh Garza
Sebastian Ramos

Cannon Gervin
Kelly Valenzuela

Charlotte Pelletier

Mrs. Silvia Pacheco: Fourth/Fifth Grade

Ava Pelletier

Sebastian Magana

Reading

Lukas Birchard
Ava Pelletier
Sebastian Magana
Sebastian Vallejos

Lilly Summers
Harper Valdez
Tristan DuBasso

Christian Nava
McKayla Seymour
Adrienne Munsami

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS - MONTHLY VIRTUES

These awards are designed to recognize students who have performed in such a way as to warrant special honor.

The awards encourage students to see their own potential and inspire them to do the good, uphold the beautiful, and seek truth in every endeavor. When students see their peers being recognized, they see a real-life model and begin to understand how to strive for excellence. This virtue Award was created to honor individuals who lead with helpfulness. Helpfulness is the virtue of doing useful things for others – things that make a difference to them, no matter how small. It is taking the time to be thoughtful, reflecting on what people truly need and assisting them respectfully.

Ms. Lauren : Sixth Grade - VIRTUE for the Month of January- Helpfulness

Giana Usera

Keirah Beachum

Sophie McGuire

SPANISH AWARDS

Senora Yuliana, our Spanish teacher, has selected students who have shown exceptional abilities, interest, and growth in Spanish. The January recipients are:

Ms. Niki Perera: Kindergarten Prep

Grayson Vazquez Nayeli Talamantez

Mrs. Terri Saderup: Kindergarten

Bodhi Wood

Mrs. Jennifer Whittamore: First Grade

Hunter Gautschi Seraphina Ramos

Ms. Patty Rosas: Second Grade

Layan Abushehab

Ms. Nancy Medina: Third Grade

Ariannah Osuna

Mrs. Silvia Pacheco: Fourth/Fifth Grade

McKayla Seymour

Yousef Basta

Ms. Lauren Melaku: Sixth Grade

Mayah Robinowitz



TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Ms. Cinthia, our Technology teacher, has selected students who have shown exceptional abilities, interest, and growth in computers. The January recipients are:

Ms. Niki Perera: Kindergarten Prep

Ethan Silver

Mrs. Terri Saderup: Kindergarten

Josiah Gomez

Mrs. Jennifer Whittamore: First Grade

Liam Alvarado

Ms. Patty Rosas: Second Grade

Olivia Bernard

Ms. Nancy Medina: Third Grade

Aaden Martin

Mrs. Silvia Pacheco: Fourth/Fifth Grade

Harper Valdez

Adrienne Munsami

Ms. Lauren Melaku: Sixth Grade

Mayah Robinowitz





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

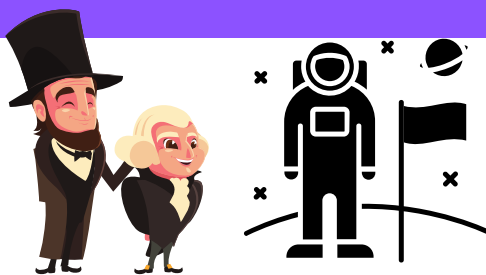
SPRING PICTURESS LIFETOUGH

Spring Pictures will be taken on Thursday, February 19th, for all students beginning at 8:30am. Elementary and Middle School students are allowed to **FREE DRESS** on this day. Lifetouch Photography will be providing service. Prepay purchasing is required for Spring Pictures. Envelopes will be sent home and available at the front desk.



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Valentines Day Parties for all students, will be held on Friday, February 13th. The staff plans this annual party to ensure a very special fun filled day for all. Further information will be sent home by individual teachers. As always, your contributions are truly appreciated. Students will also enjoy wearing free dress on this day!



HISTORICAL DRESS DAY

Student Senate presents "Historical Dress Day", Friday March 6th for all Elementary students. All Elementary students may dress up like someone in history for the day. The Parade will be held in the front lawn at 9:30am. Students are encouraged to speak in the classroom about their historical person.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our annual Jump Rope for Heart will be held on Thursday, January 29th and Friday, January 30th. Our Elementary students will jump rope to music in teams of four for 90 minutes and then pass the jump rope to a teammate who will step in and continue. Our jumping will be to raise money for the American Heart Association to fight Heart Disease. All donations must be turned in by Wednesday, February 4th. We have raised so far \$3,841.23 for the American Heart Association. Thank you to our helpers this year - Luisa Saurez, Danielle Scheer, Kassandra Villalobos, Yuliana Ramos, Brian and Katrina McGuire, Julian Summers, Tina Tsutsui, Veronica Bernard, Cinthia and Anthony Penalber, Aniuska Dominguez, Ms. Diane, Ms. Grace, and Ms. Cinthia.



TUITION REMINDERS

Tuition is due by the 5th of each month; there is a \$25 late fee for all tuitions paid thereafter. If you need to make special payment arrangements, please see Miss. Angela.

Elementary Tuition:

\$925.00 without lunch
\$1000.00 with lunch
Book Fee: \$600.00
Daily Lunch: \$4.00

T-K Tuition

\$925.00 without lunch
\$1000.00 with lunch

Part-Time Daily Rate:

\$55.00 without lunch
\$59.00 with lunch

Elementary Book Fee: \$600.00
Application Fee: \$225.00

****See Angela for special arrangement****



2026 Palm Desert Student Art and Essay Contest

The City of Palm Desert's 39th annual contest theme:

What Grows in My Dream Garden?

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 29, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. at City Hall - Administrative Services Building (73510 Fred Waring Drive)

Award Ceremony:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. auditorium at UCR, Palm Desert Center - Building B (75080 Frank Sinatra Drive)

Exhibition Period:

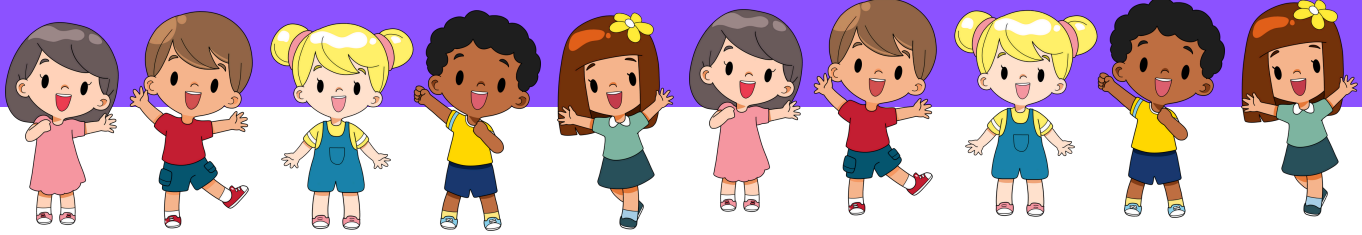
February 16 - March 27, 2026, display at UCR, Building B

Entry Categories:

Essay, Individual Art, and Class Mural

Award Categories:

- Best of Show
- Mayor's Award
- Col. Alvin O. Mark Art Award
- Paula N. Kroonen Essay Award
- First Place awards in each grade level for each category



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The following after school extracurricular programs are available:

Computers: New Minecraft and Kodu sessions are presently going on. Flyers are available in the front lobby. Classes held on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a fee for these classes and space is limited.

Study Hall: Kindergarten through Fifth grade Monday- Thursday, from 3:15-4:00. Parents may sign their child(ren) up to attend Study Hall on two-specific days. Space is limited and sign-up's are on a first come, first serve basis.

Handball: K-Prep through Sixth Grade. Monday and Wednesday through February 25th.

Soccer: K-Prep through Sixth Grade. Tuesday and Thursday through February 26th.

Kids Theater, Guitar, Piano, and Gymnastics: K-Prep through Sixth Grade. Tuesday and Thursday are the days that Kids Theater meets, Guitar meets on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, Piano meets on Wednesdays and/or Fridays, and Gymnastics meets on Wednesdays.

Elementary Bike Day

On Friday, March 13th, K-Prep through Sixth Grade students will participate in our Annual Bike Day. Students will be allowed to bring their Bikes, Skateboards, and Scooters to our Annual Elementary Bike Day (please choose one from home to bring). Speakers will be present to talk to us about bike safety and then we will have safety check followed by an obstacle course, a bicycle ramp, races, and a special surprise! Be on the lookout for the detailed permission slip that will be going home with your child. Parent volunteers are needed. Please sign up at Front Desk.

WEEKLY STUDENT SENATE TREATS

MONDAY: ICE CREAM

Ice Cream Day is scheduled every Monday after school from 3:00-4:00pm You can leave your money at the front desk in the morning.
Cost ranges from \$1.00-\$1.50



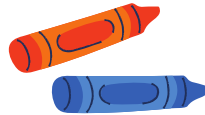
TUESDAY:POPCORN

Popcorn Day is scheduled every Tuesday after school from 3:00-4:00pm You can leave your money at the front desk in the morning.
Cost:\$.75



WEDNESDAY: STUDENT STORE

The Student Store will be open every Wednesday after school from 3:15-4:00pm. The store will be open for pencils, crayons, glue sticks, folders, and other fun items. Money must be left at front desk in the morning. Thank you.
Cost ranges from \$.50-\$6.00



THURSDAY: SNOW CONES

Snow Cone Day is scheduled every Thursday after school from 3:00-4:00pm Money must be left at the front desk in the morning. Snow Cones begin in March!
Cost: \$1.00

FRIDAY:COOKIES

Cookies will be sold every Friday after school. These delicious fresh baked cookies may include Chocolate Chip, Frosted, Sugar, or Brownies.
Cost: \$.75 Each

