

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. While January felt like a long month, I can't believe how quickly February and March have gone after that. Hard to believe this will be the last email until April that you'll be receiving from the school! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #28 at Sardis:

- 1) On **Monday, March 13th**, we will be having our Jump Rope for Heart skip-off to see which Sardis student can skip the longest! It's not too late to make an online donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. If we get to \$5,000, students get a second recess but on the playground they don't usually play on; gathering \$50 in donations means your child will get to drop pudding on Mrs. Sanderson and I from above as we hope it lands in our mouths, and the top donation collector will win a back yard slip-and-slide that is on display at the office! Donations can be made here: [Jump Rope For Heart](#) So far we are about half way to our goal, but every dollar donated is appreciated.
- 2) We will have a special presentation after lunch on **Tuesday, March 14th**, entitled Frog Belly Rat Bone, which all elementary schools are getting to enjoy. Mrs. Kadar's son is in the production, so I know she's very excited to see the show!
- 3) Report cards will be coming home on **Thursday, March 16th**, so please take some time to read it over with your child so they know all the good things they have been doing, as well as possibly some things to work on, as we start Term 3 after Spring Break! The reports are yours to keep but we would appreciate having the envelopes back on Friday, or when your child returns in April, in order to help keep costs down and for the benefit of the environment.
- 4) **Friday, March 17th**, is a busy day as we recognize St. Patrick's Day with a Green Theme spirit day. It's the Shandhar Hut hot lunch for those who ordered it. There is still time to order for the Cora's hot lunch if you want to order that for April 14th. Finally, it's the last day of school before Spring Break, with students returning on Monday, April 3rd.
- 5) On that first week back after the break, there will be cheese strings and milk from the Agriculture in the Classroom program on Monday, Hilarious Hair Day on Thursday April 6th, and then no school on Friday the 7th or Monday the 10th as it is the Easter weekend.
- 6) Our Purdy's PAC fundraiser is still open, until March 20th, so don't forget to place your order if you want to get some tasty chocolate, make getting ready for Easter a little easier, and support our PAC in paying for the iPads our students are enjoying! Our customer number is 41917.
- 7) We have had a high number of Kindergarten registrations for September and are now almost full based on our in-catchment registrations. We hope to be able to confirm space to those who are out of catchment next month, but if you or someone you know has a child that will be turning 5 this year and live in our catchment, please make sure to register using the online registration link so we can determine what space we will have. [September 2023 Kindergarten registration](#)

8) I am attaching some information here about a few Spring Break Camp opportunities. There is a baseball-softball one that is open to students in grades 4 – 8, run by Mr. Tom Valke, as well as a basketball one that is for students in grades 2 – 7 run by Mr. Kyle Graves.

9) Finally, I have a message for you all from Mr. Hagkull. I know it was with a heavy heart that he drafted it, but he wanted to share where he is at regarding his health and his absence from the school.

Hello Skyhawk families! First off, I want to say thank you to so many of you who have checked in on me regularly by way of emails, text messages and treats! Your kindness has not gone unnoticed, and I have appreciated you greatly. It has been quite a season for me since my medical leave started around Thanksgiving and unfortunately there has been limited progress with my Long Covid condition. Managing my daily energy budget continues to be a struggle which has hampered my ability to return to school.

I wanted you to know that I will be off until the end of the school year. I do miss the daily interactions with so many of you on the playground and in the parking lot and I really miss the regular chatter with the kids! Thank you again for the outpouring of support I regularly receive from my Sardis family. I appreciate you all!

We are fortunate that Mrs. Sanderson will continue in the Vice Principal position until the end of the year and then we will see what happens for September.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Spring Break and while I won't be returning with kids on April 3rd, I will be thinking about the school and looking forward to returning on May 8th!

Mrs. Kasper