

Monthly Newsletter

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Mexico  
Middle  
School

# TIGER WIRE



# From the Desk of Ms. Holliday

## Mexico Middle School Principal

Mexico Middle School would like to dedicate our February Tiger Wire to Mrs. Sharon Kerfien! Mrs. Kerfien is a dedicated substitute for Mexico Middle School (and the district) who always helps us in challenging times! She often responds to last minute emergencies and requests to help us staff our offices. She can step in at any time, in any office professional role, and manage all of the necessary daily tasks that these positions require. She assists our families with phone calls and procedures, helps maintain daily operations, responds to all communications throughout the day, supports staff with all of their needs, helps to maintain the safety of our students and staff, and always has a friendly smile and warm hug for those in need. Mrs. Kerfien is charitable and kind and we want to take this opportunity to honor her for all that she does for our Mexico Middle School Family. Thank you Sharon for all that you do for us. We love you!

Kimberly Holliday



# FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



## what to look for

Please be aware that all schools within the district have been experiencing an increase in flu, RSV, rhinovirus, strep throat and conjunctivitis. These illnesses are very contagious.

We thank you for your help with keeping your student home when not feeling well as our goal is always to keep everyone safe and healthy. As always, please call with any questions.


If your child has a fever of 100.0 or higher within the last 24 hours without fever reducing medication; has vomited or had diarrhea within the last 24 hours; has a sore throat; has a persistent runny nose or thick discolored mucus from the nose; has a significant cough that is persistent, productive, or disruptive; has honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts that might be impetigo; has a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox or coxsackies virus (hand-foot-mouth); OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever; has red/runny eyes; has a severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ears; or has a severe headache- please keep your child home and may need to follow up with a provider.

If your child is confirmed to have the flu, they should stay home for at least 24 hours without a fever and have resolving symptoms. Keep in mind that influenza is contagious for 5-7 days. The diagnosing providers note should be followed.

If students have symptoms that are consistent with Covid-19, they should stay home and Covid testing is recommended. If the test is positive, it can be self-reported on our school website. For more information, please call our Covid Coordinator at 315-529-9471. If the test is negative and symptoms are resolving, your child can return to school.

## contact me

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 315-963-8400  
x4205

# Mexico Middle School "makes it" HAPPEN

★ Hallo! ★

Frau Dauphin, the new MS German teacher had a "Faschingsfest" (Mardi Gras party) with her German students. German exchange students from the HS gave a presentation about German Karnival/Fasching and the students got to create "Faschingsmasken". Here are two 7th grad girls with their masks.



REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE

Let's do  
this right!

Please do not put garbage and milk cartons in the blue recycle bins in the cafeteria!

Please empty containers before recycling!  
Mrs Archer's student recycling helpers thank you in advance.

Special thanks to these students for sorting the cans: Mackenzie Turnbull, Kaydence Buchanan, Caeden Wills, Jeff Zehr, Gabe Rotella, Gia Vittore, Steph Wiley, Ally Rando, Shauna Lynn, and Evan Zhang.

Our can total for January was 1,214!!!





# Culture of Colombia

Unlike the rest of Latin America, Colombia celebrates El Dia del Amor y Amistad (The Day of Love & Friendship) every September. What??? Valentine's Day is in February! These celebrations often last for the entire month of September. At the end of August, people begin to decorate their homes and business places with hearts and balloons in preparation for the month-long celebration.

Interestingly, in 1969, Colombia changed the date of El Dia del Amor. Colombian businessmen sought to change the date so that it would fall on the third Saturday of September. They did this so that merchants could sell more gifts, roses, and chocolates in September, the month that typically has no holidays in their country.

Amigo Secreto, or Secret Friend, is the most common Colombian tradition. Among a group of people, you draw the name of your amigo/a secreto/a, and then you discreetly give sweets, poems, or flowers to this person every day until El Dia del Amor y Amistad, when you will give a gift to them in person. Aside from gift-giving, couples and friends treat each other to fancy dinners, a trip to the movies, or dancing. Planning a trip to Colombia during September? Prepare yourself for a culture that embraces universal love all month long!

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## Wellness

### Tips for the New Year

- Sleep More
- Clear Clutter
- Drink Water
- Get Moving
- Clean Your Diet
- Listen to Your Brain
- Practice Skin Care
- Support Your Friends



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## AVID News

AVID 6 applications are due by Feb 10 to Mrs. Julian in the library. AVID is a one-year elective course offered in grades 7-8. AVID provides support for students' success in high school and career by developing skills like organization, self-management, responsibility, public speaking, reading, writing, critical thinking and inquiry. See Mrs. Julian or Mrs. Goble for more info!





# Student Lighthouse Team News

## Love Yourself

By: Macey Pelton-Vazquez

This Valentine's Day we should all be sure to give love to the people we're grateful for...sometimes we forget, that means us too! This February, be sure to Sharpen the Saw by focusing on any self-care. When it comes to you, there's "physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual" so you can be sure to love yourself. Speaking of love, Valentine's is right around the corner!! For Valentine's Day try to fill a few different peoples buckets with kindness and compliments. This February we will have a long, well-deserved break as well as President's Day. When and if you renew yourself in all the four areas, you make growth and a difference in your life. You make it easier to handle the challenges around you. Sharpen the saw keeps you on your toes so you can continue to try and work on the other six habits.

Sharpen the saw will help you face a new day in happiness and good health. Remember every day is a new day that provides a new opportunity for self-care and a new opportunity to recharge. All it takes is putting your best foot forward. I hope you enjoy this February full of new and exciting things.

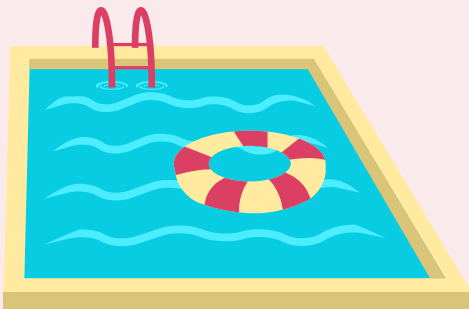
## 5th & 6th Grade PE Classes Start Swim Unit!

5th and 6th grade P.E. classes are starting their swim unit! Mr. Brescia's on January 30th and Mr. Chamberlain's on March 1st. Please help your child remember to bring their swimsuit and towel on the dates listed below. Any questions please contact your child's physical education teacher.

### Scheduled Dates for 5th grade classes:

**Brescia:** A&C Days from 1/30-2/10 (Make up days 2/13 & 2/14)

**Chamberlain:** A&C Days from 3/1-3/15 (Make up days 3/16 & 3/17)

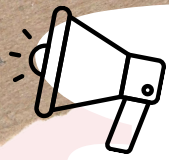


### Scheduled Dates for 6th grade classes:

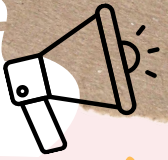
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# Coming Soon...



Check out what's coming up at Mexico Middle!



**March is Music in our Schools Month! Look out for some amazing concerts by our super talented students to pop up in March!**

**Spring JV/Varsity Sports begin March 16th! Family ID opens for sign-ups February 14th. Spring Modified Sports begin on April 12th and Family ID will open for sign-ups on March 13th. Make sure you have a Physical on file with the nurse!**



**March 25th from 10am-1pm the 3rd Annual Community Connection Event will happen at the High School**

# FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 	30  B	31  C	1 D	2  GROUNDHOG'S DAY A	3 SNOW DAY!	4
5	6 B	7 C	8 D	9 A	10 LIGHTHOUSE PEP RALLY B	11
12	13 C	14  D	15 A	16 B	17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 C	28 D	1  A	2  B	3  C	4 

MID- WINTER RECESS- NO SCHOOL!!! 2/20-2/24

## Upcoming Events

February 3- 20 Week Report Cards mailed home

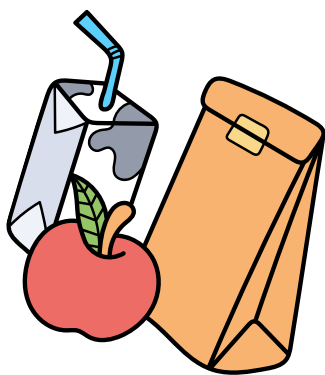
February 10- Lighthouse Pep Rally

February 14- Valentine's Day

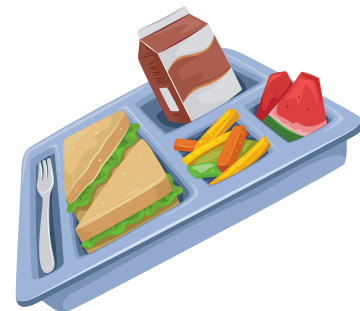
February 17- Staff Development Day- No school for students

February 20-24- Mid-Winter Recess- No school!!!







# LUNCH TIME



Menu subject to change.

## FEBRUARY 2023

Elementary has choice of main menu, chicken patty or pbj. MS/HS has choice of main menu, chicken patty or pizza.

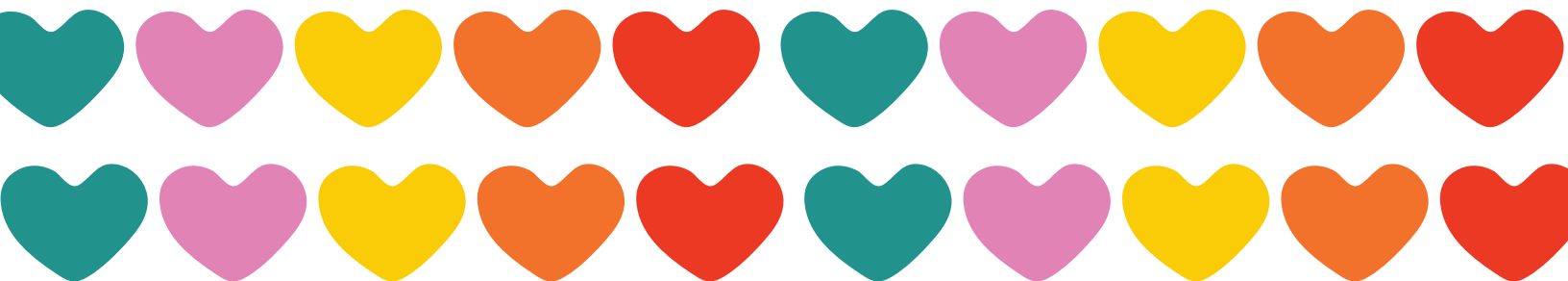
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Meatball Subs Baked Beans Asst Fruit Milk	2 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potato/Corn Dinner Roll Asst Fruit Milk	3 Pizza Green Beans Asst Fruit Milk
6 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Baked Beans Asst Fruit Milk	7 Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Broccoli Asst Fruit Milk	8 Fish Sticks Mac and Cheese Carrots Asst Fruit Milk	9 Tacos Flour Tortillas Corn Asst Fruit Milk	10 Pizza Green Beans Asst Fruit Milk
13 Pulled Pork Nachos Baked Beans Asst Fruit Milk	14 Hamburger on a Bun Carrots Asst Fruit Milk	15 Pancake Bites Sausage Patty Hashbrown Rounds Asst Fruit Milk	16 Pizza Green Beans Asst Fruit Milk	17 No School Staff Development Day
20 No School President's Day	21	22 No school Mid-Winter Recess	23	24 No school Mid-Winter Recess
27 Pulled Pork Nachos Baked Beans Asst Fruit Milk	28 Ham and Cheese on a Pretzel Bun Broccoli Asst Fruit Milk			

Mexico School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you have any questions concerning the school nutritional program, please contact Brenda Thomas at 315-963-8400 x 5071. Please keep accounts current and prepay for meals.

Free-no charge. Reduced-no charge. Paid- PK-4 \$38.50 (\$2.75) and 5-12 \$40.60 (\$2.90)

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