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Attendance Matters! There are **20 instructional days** in the month of February.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  3-hour early dismissal National Get Up Day	2  3-hour early dismissal National Wear Red Day Parent Raffle	3
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11	12 	13	14  Wear Red or Pink	15	16	17
18	19  Schools Closed	20	21	22	23	24
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New Information

- **Black History Month:**

- February is Black History Month! Black History Month was created in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Initially called Negro History Week, the celebration expanded to a full month in 1976, in order to focus even greater attention on the contributions of African Americans in the United States and throughout the diaspora. Today, Black History Month continues to amplify and deepen the exploration and elevation of African Americans and their contributions to society through film screenings, museum exhibits, and by encouraging the study of the accomplishments of African Americans year-round.

- [Black History Month: PBS LearningMedia Video](#)

- **Report Card Conferences:**

- **Thursday, Feb. 1st**

- **Friday, Feb. 2nd**

- Students in kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:20.
- Students in grades 1st - 5th will be dismissed at 12:30.
- In Person Report Card Conferences will begin at 1:30 and are by appointment only.
- Please remember to come at your scheduled time.
- Please direct any questions to your child's classroom teacher.

- **Parent Raffle:**

- Friday, February 2, 2024
- Perfect Attendance for the month of January

- **National Get Up Day:**
 - Thursday, February 1, 2024
 - Get Ready, Get Up, Get Moving!
 - It's about celebrating that Get Up spirit that applies to every aspect of life and inspiring others through stories, pictures, videos and social media.

- **National Wear Red Day:**
 - Friday, February 2, 2024
 - Students may wear a plain red shirt or gym shirt with school uniform pants/skirt. (This is not a dress down day.)
 - No Hoodies

- **PBIS Champs Celebration:**
 - Monday, February 5th, 2024
 - One student from each classroom who follows our school PBIS Norms (Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful) will be recognized during our monthly PBIS Champ Celebration.

- **Report Card Raffle:**
 - Monday, February 5, 2024
 - Each student whose parent(s) attend report card conferences will have their name entered to win a prize.
 - Report Card Conferences can be in-person, virtual, or phone.

- **Perfect Attendance Celebration:**
 - Wednesday, February 7th, 2024
 - Students who attended all 20 instructional days in the month of January will be recognized.
 - Two lucky students who earned perfect attendance for the month of January will have lunch with the Principal.

- **National School Counseling Week:**
 - February 5th - 9th
 - This week is National School Counseling Week – a time to celebrate and uplift our hard-working and extremely important school counselors who support the social and emotional well-being and academic success of Lawton students.
 - School counselors partner with you, or families, and provide critical resources to help students succeed in and beyond school; they collaborate with other Lawton staff to develop and improve educational systems that allow students to realize their potential; and they work directly with students to help them understand their strengths and talents, and set healthy and ambitious goals.
 - This week, the School District will be honoring counselors by sharing some of their stories on the main website and social media. Make sure to check out the District’s [website](#) and [Facebook Page](#) daily to meet different counselors every day. I also encourage you to say a specific **THANK YOU** to our school counselor, Ms. Bender, on Lawton social media using #SDPThankACounselor and #NSCW24.

- **3-hour early dismissal & Lunar New Year Activities:**
 - Friday, Feb. 9th
 - Students in kindergarten will be dismissed at 12:20.
 - Students in grades 1st - 5th will be dismissed at 12:30.
 - Students will have an opportunity to learn about Lunar New Year and participate in activities.

- **Lunar New Year:**
 - **Year of the Dragon**
 - Saturday, February 10, 2024
 - Happy Lunar New Year! Best wishes and good fortune to all this
#YearOfTheDragon

- **100th Day of School:**
 - Monday, February 12th

- **Valentine's Day:**
 - Tuesday, Feb. 14th.
 - Students may wear red or pink.
 - Clothing must be school appropriate
 - This is a free dress down/dress up day for students
 - No one knows for sure who St. Valentine was, but we still honor him with a holiday. Listen to one legend about who he was, and discover more about this celebration of love.
 - [Valentine's Day PBS LearningMedia Video](#)

- **President's Day:**
 - Monday, Feb. 19th
 - In observance of Presidents Day, **all schools and offices will be closed.** Enjoy the holiday!
 - Presidents Day is an opportunity for the country to acknowledge the leaders of its government. See how it evolved from a birthday party for George Washington to an observance for all of the Presidents.
 - [Presidents Day- PBS LearningMedia Video](#)

Older Information

- Dismissal:
 - Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the gym door in the large yard. Please remember to bring a photo ID when picking up your child.
 - Grades 1 & 2 will be dismissed in the small yard.
 - Grades 3 & 4 will be dismissed in the large yard.
 - 5th Grade will be dismissed on Lardner Street.

- Lawton has been using the School District messaging system to send reminders and updates. If you have not received emails or phone calls from us, please make sure that we have the correct phone number(s) on file for you.

- Please sign up to the Parent Portal if you did not do so already. This is the messaging system that sends both phone and email reminders/notifications.
- Students are to wear the school uniform every day. School uniform is tan bottoms and navy blue or white polo shirt.
- The gym uniform should be worn on gym days. It consists of gray sweatpants/shorts and a red T-shirt. Hoodies are not permitted at any time.
- Early dismissals are for emergencies/urgent circumstances only. Students miss instructional time as teachers provide instruction until the end of the school day.
- Everyone picking up a child from school must have a picture ID to show to staff before a child can be released. Parents/guardians must provide the names of those who are permitted to pick up their child on the forms provided. We cannot and will not release a child without written notification from a parent and photo ID of the person upon arrival in the main office. Please consult www.philasd.org for more information regarding Early Release and Special Release procedures.