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## February 2012

### Upcoming Events

- 1 Puma Den open during afternoon recesses
- 1 Chess Club – 3:45-4:45

**Fruit with Families** 8:15-8:40 a.m.

- 7 DeWitt, Huggins, Kellogg & Smith
- 8 Bailey, Hodges, Kahafer, Kremers & Langschieid
- 9 Formsma, Lester, Michalski & Wonders
- 10 Bauer, Keizer, Meredith & Wissink
  
- 8 Character Assemblies in **Page's Multi-Purpose room**  
9:30 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2:45 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 8 Chess Club – 3:45-4:45
- 14 Classroom Valentine parties
- 15 Puma Den open during afternoon recesses
- 15 Chess Club 3:45-4:45
- 20 No School – Professional Development Day for Teachers
- 22 Chess Club 3:45-4:45
- 29 Chess Club 3:45-4:45



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# Front Page News

## *Principally Speaking...*

Happy 2012 and with the new year things continue to keep moving along.

We have recently finished up with our second round of SRI testing here at Page Elementary and are continuing to work hard with your kids. We also wrapped up our Spelling Bee last week. Congratulations to our two finalists - Runner-up Madeline Hoover and Winner Zellie Sweeney. Thanks to all students for participating in the event. Students worked hard and did very well!

On another note, we are in the middle of a large event for Page kids during these winter months called "Battle of the Books". You may have heard your kids talking about what they would like to do to Mr. Gelmi. ☺ We are asking students to come up with some "things to do to Mr. Gelmi" as a reward for reaching a building goal of reading over 920 books in the next two months! We will finalize a list of those possible rewards and ask our students to vote on them! It makes me a little nervous to think what they may come up with, but I am sure it will be great fun. Be sure to encourage reading with your kids!

The entire Battle of the Books will culminate on March 28<sup>th</sup> as we wrap up March is Reading month! Please look at our future newsletters as we will be sharing our building activities for throughout the month of March.

*Mike Gelmi*

## Fruit with Families

We are trying something a little new this year – "Fruit with Families". We are trying to get families to come in to our building and what better way for our kids to start their day than eating breakfast with their parents @ Page. This will take place the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>.



We have sent information home with your kids from their teachers. Notice there is a schedule of what day to come in with your child for breakfast.

Also be aware that we need you to respond if you will be able to attend with

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your child. (Information is in the handout) With this being the first time for this event we are careful not to run out of space and food in our building. It would be great to see everyone, but we also understand when families are busy with work etc. and are unable to attend.

Thanks so much for all of your support to your kids and our schools.

Mike Gelmi

## **LITERACY CONNECTION**

### ***Battle of the Books***

The Battle of the Books Program is designed to encourage students to read a wide variety of books. It originated in Chicago in 1938, as a radio book contest where teams from Chicago Public School libraries competed against each other. Carson Pirie Scott & Co. offered gift certificates with which the winning team could buy books for their school library. Questions used on the air also earned gift

certificates. The weekly program was broadcast for 25 years.

The object of Battle of the Books is to promote recreational reading and familiarize students with the best in books and authors. It is based on the premise that most of us enjoy a bit of friendly competition, as well as the chance to test our knowledge. Battle of the Books is a game where teams try to answer questions based on the characters, plot, and settings.

Students at Page attended kick-off assemblies for Battle of the Books the week of January 8. Page Battle of the Books runs from Jan. 13 – March 1. Bright orange notes with all the directions were sent home Jan. 13. This information is also attached to the Page website. Please support and encourage your kids to participate.

Let the Page Battle of the Books begin!

Thank you and Happy Reading!

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### **From PTO...**

D&W Fresh Market/Family  
Fare Cash for Class dates:  
Week of February 5  
Week of February 19

The Box Tops Contest will be held in this month.

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