

Principal's Message for February 2017

As January closes and we move on to February, I would like to share some of the great things coming up for the Saratoga Shores Sharks.

Val-O-Grams: on sale \$1.50 during lunch February 2-14. This includes a fun shaped pin (there are many varieties to choose from), Valentine's note, and delivery. These can be purchase in our main hallway before and after school for both tracks; and all day in the office for parents.

Fun Friday: This coming up Friday, February 9th and it is our annual Fancy Friday and our students and teachers will be wearing their best to school. This is one of our most participated in spirit days of the year and we hope to put on the Ritz here at Saratoga Shores!

National Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 22nd: PLEASE join us as we Stand4Kind and by wearing Pink on this day. Every month we wear pink shirts in our efforts to Stand4Kind and to stamp out bullying. I would like to share a little background on how this special day started:

Students who choose to stand up to bullying started the Pink Shirt movement ten years ago. They stood up by supporting a student who was being harassed because he liked to wear pink shirts. Students banded together and all came to school wearing pink shirts to stand behind this student; and to stand up to those who choose to be unkind. The result of this has caught on around the country, and internationally, as students and communities choose to wear pink to demonstrate they Stand4Kind. For more on how pink shirt day started go to this You Tube video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjmf3I1_ZhU

I am encouraged by the increased participation in Dr. T's Reader each month. It is a thrill to discuss books with your students. February's Dr. T's Readers books will be the following:
Grades 1-2: *Cam Jensen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery* By David A. Adler; Grades 3-4 *The Chalk Box Kid* By Robert Bulla; and for Grades 5-6 *Ruby Holler* By Sharon Creech.
It would not be a monthly message without my reminder to please keep your students reading – not only Dr. T's books, but any good books they can get their hands on.

Thank you for the support we feel from you each day as we continue to “Building a Community of Learners – One Student at a Time!”

Dr. Thomas