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Message from Mr. LaFrance

Welcome back from another great spring break. Whether you were near or far, I hope you enjoyed your time with each other. We stayed close to home and enjoyed some of our nice weather; it was a great time to be outside with our three children!

This month we will have school every day Monday through Friday without any breaks! We are excited to work and help your child achieve success in their grade level standards, but it is not easy and we need your help. There are many things you can do; listening to reading and practicing math with your child throughout the week makes a difference. Check out the report card that just came home- are there any areas that need extra attention? This is a great opportunity to practice various subjects and skills. If your child isn't reading quite yet it is always awesome to just relax and read to them. As always, let me know if you need any help or guidance; we want to work alongside you and share best practices to help your child grow.

Another great way to partner with Oakland is to get involved in our Parent Teacher Organization. This group helps support and provide various items our teachers and students need. I understand we all have very busy schedules, but even the smallest commitment of your time goes a long way. There are various rolls that need to be filled and many ways to contribute. Next month we will have our carnival- use our sign-up genius and fill a slot! Each year we have an amazing turn out and enjoy making great memories. The fun is so much better when we share the undertaking and help serve. If you have questions, just email or call anyone on our PTO.

In partnership with our Library Media Center, PTO, and Scholastic Book Fairs we will host Lunch with a Loved One Book Fair this month. We would love to have you or any other relative/neighbor/friend come visit Oakland and your student during this week. It is a lot of fun and another opportunity to pour love and support into our children. Having extra adult presence has positive impacts on so many others who long to make connections with other positive adults. Please stop by and fill me in on how you are doing and anything else you would love to see Oakland doing.

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PTO



- PTO Meeting on April 4 from 6:30-7:30. Free childcare for ages 3 and up.
- Dine to Donate at Noodles will be April 9, 4-9pm- No flyer needed!
- Book Fair and Lunch with a Loved One, April 23-25

Hoot at Home



Our Golden Ticket target for April is “including others”. During the month, we will teach this expectation and recognize students who go out of their way to ensure everyone feels included at our school. Below are some ways you can help model and teach your children more about ways to be inclusive of others too. (adapted from www.pbs.org/parents)

- **Listen and empathize.** When we empathize with our kids, we teach them to do the same for others. Empathetic kids can create giant ripples of kindness in this world. All we have to do is be there for them and let them work through their emotions.
- **Be an “includer”.** Technology makes it easy to avoid uncomfortable situations, but using technology to avoid social interactions sends mixed

messages to our kids. If we want our kids to learn to reach out to others and include new people (or people they wouldn’t otherwise sit with), we need to do the same. Show your kids how to make new friends by introducing yourself to new people and striking up conversations with people they don’t know.

- **Look for someone who needs a friend.** Teach your child to scan the room (or field) to look for someone who might need a friend. Practice ways to invite a new kid into the group or ask others to join a game. When kids practice these skills at home, they are better able to use them out in the world.
- **Talk about unintentional exclusion.** Sometimes kids exclude others without intent to harm. Talk to your kids about what it means to exclude and how they can include others. Ask your kids to draw possible connections between being excluded *and* possible negative emotions and between being included and possible positive emotions. Open and honest communication helps kids work through feelings and emotions. It also increases empathy and compassion.



Kindergarten Registration

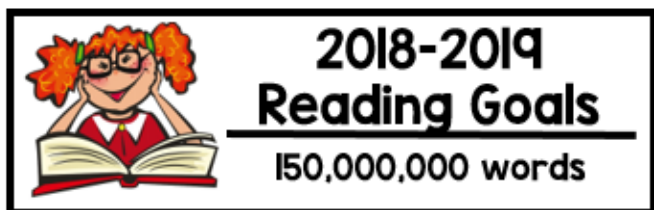


Please call the office after 10am (309-662-4302) to set up an appointment. Your child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019 to register for the 2019-2020 school year.

For pre-registration you must bring:

- Your child
- An **original certified** birth certificate
- 2 proofs of residency (lease agreement, utility bill, etc)
- Any current physical and immunization records

Reading Goal



Reading goal for 2018-2019
150,000,000 Words

Grade 2: 11,785,723

Grade 3: 16,963,997

Grade 4: 37,406,565

Grade 5: 56,143,205

Total as of the end of March: 122,299,490

Mark Your Calendar

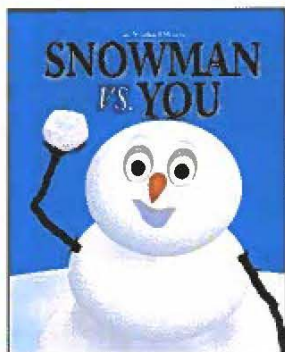


- May 6
 - Nurse Appreciation Day
- May 7
 - 3rd grade field trip
- May 8
 - 4th grade field trip
 - School Board Meeting
- May 10
 - Spring Carnival
- May 15
 - Student Council Meeting
- May 17
 - Relay day
- May 21
 - 3rd grade portfolio picnic
- May 22
 - 5th grade farewell

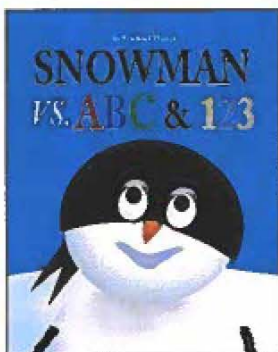
BOOK PRE-ORDER FORM

Author/ illustrator Michael Wayne is coming to our school!

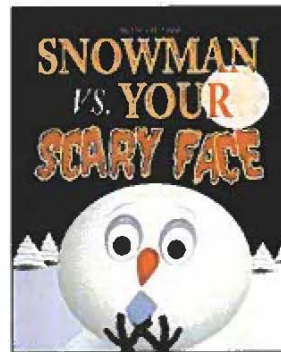
Michael will talk to students about creativity and writing with a fun and educational presentation centered around his SNOWMAN VS. picture book series. Return this form to order signed copies.



SNOWMAN VS. YOU
Snowman is a snowball-dodging expert. There's no way you can hit him. Go ahead and try.



SNOWMAN VS. ABC & 123
Snowman thought this book was about ninjas, not shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. When the author promises to make him a star, a whole heap of fun—and learning—begins.



SNOWMAN VS. YOUR SCARY FACE
Snowman isn't afraid of anything. Make all the scary faces you want. You can't scare him. Go ahead and try.

See previews at michaelwaynebooks.com or check out the reviews at Amazon.com.

TITLE		PRICE /+ sales tax 8.25%	QTY	SUBTOTAL	NAME(s) to be inscribed in book(s) (please print neatly)
SNOWMAN VS. YOU	<u>HARDBACK</u>	\$17.95 / \$19.43 w/ tax			
SNOWMAN VS. YOU	<u>PAPERBACK</u>	\$7.95 / \$8.61 w/ tax			
SNOWMAN VS. ABC & 123	<u>PAPERBACK</u>	\$7.95 / \$8.61 w/ tax			
SNOWMAN VS. SCARY FACE	<u>PAPERBACK</u>	\$7.95 / \$8.61 w/ tax			
all 3 SNOWMAN PAPERBACKS <u>SAVES \$2.85</u>		\$21 / \$22.73 w/ tax			

TOTAL
w/ tax

STUDENT'S NAME

TEACHER

Michael will sign the books so they will be available the day of his visit.

Make checks payable to:
Shorty Pants Books

Please return this pre-order form with **cash or check** to your child's teacher by



Michael Wayne (Waguespack) is a former elementary and middle school teacher who earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Children's Writing from Chatham University. He loves motivating literacy development in children by creating books that are big on both imagination and giggles. He resides with his awesome wife and incredible kids in Yorkville, IL.

Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Fruit	1	Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Knot	2	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit	3	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fruit	4	Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Marinara Cup	5
Rib BQ on Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese	8	Orange Chicken w/ Rice Edamame	9	Nachos Salsa Vegetable	10	Chicken Tenders Sweet Tators Animal Crackers	11	French Toast Sticks Syrup Cup Tri-Tators	12
Breaded Drumstick Broccoli Fruit	15	Soft Shell Taco Salsa Taco Fiesta Beans	16	Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Fruit	17	Breaded Chicken on Bun Sun Chips Mix	18	Cheese Pizza Snickerdoodle Cookie Peas	19
Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Fruit	22	Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Knot	23	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Fruit	24	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Fruit	25	Cheese Stuffed Breadstick Marinara Cup	26
Rib BQ on Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese	29	Orange Chicken w/ Rice Edamame	30						



Look at nutritional content of all foods and menus at:

<https://district87.nutrislice.com/men>



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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 3:30-5:00 Girls in the Game	4 Flying Horse "Things that Fly" due 3:15- Book Club Meeting 6:30- PTO Meeting	5	6
7 IAR Testing week 1	8	9 Dine to Donate @ Noodles 4-9pm	10 3:30-5:00 Girls in the Game 6:30- School Board Meeting @ Oakland	11 Flying Horse "Sports" due	12 9:30- Promise Council Meeting	13
14 IAR Testing week 2	15	16	17 3:30-5:00 Girls in the Game	18 Flying Horse "Moms" due 3:15- Book Club	19	20
21	22	23 Lunch with a Loved One & Book Fair	24 Lunch with a Loved One & Book Fair 3:30-5:00 Girls in the Game 3:15- Student Council 6:30- School Board Meeting	25 Lunch with a Loved One & Book Fair Flying Horse "Dads" due 3:15- Book Club	26 Visiting author Michael Wayne	27
28	29	30				