

### Literacy Message

*Visit your local library regularly.*

**SAVE THE DATE  
WES FUN RUN  
MARCH 24, 2016**

## Famous Quotes

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.”  
Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”  
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., American Civil Right Activist

“I am an ordinary person who has been blessed with extraordinary opportunities and experiences. Today is one of those experiences.”  
-Sonia Soto Major,  
Supreme Court Justice

## Famous People

### Second Grade News

Second graders are working diligently this 9 weeks. We are enjoying reading different biographies on famous African Americans in honor of Black History month. Students will be interviewing partners and writing their own biographies soon. Math is full of hands on activities as we partition rectangles into rows and columns and then move into arrays--which all leads to that multiplication they will need to know as third graders. We are more than half way through the year now. Students are really getting into their reading! A great way for parents to see if kids understand what is being read--- have them write about what they read about. Let them create a fun “Response Journal” to record what they are reading about each night and then share it with you! Thanks for continued parent support. It takes all of us working together for success.

## NO School - Monday, February 15, 2016



### Music Notes!

All that drumming!! Yes, we are really enjoying learning about the roots of drumming and how it has helped to mold our music of today! Thanks to **WES PTA**, we are very pleased to have **Bates Holman** as our **Artist in Residence** for the month of February. “Mr. Bates” has been with us before as **A.I.R**, and is a wonderful instructor of West African drumming. He also shares a little history, geography and social studies with the students as they learn technique and expand their musical vocabulary! It’s all hands on drums in the music room, and what a joyous sound it is! (Mrs. Reid dropped by to join us in a drumming circle!)



## 1986 – Figure Skater Debi Thomas wins Woman’s Singles

Figure skater Debi Thomas became the first African American to win the Women’s Singles of the U.S. National Figure Skating Championship competition, was a pre-med student at Stanford University.

# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 -5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting	3	4-Good News Club	5-Dolphin Spirit Day -100th Day of School -Sunset Slush	6
7	8	9	10	11-Good News Club	12-Dolphin Spirit Day	13
14	15 President’s Day <b>NO School</b>	16 -5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting -Classroom Group Pictures	17	18-Good News Club	19-Dolphin Spirit Day -Sunset Slush	20-Academic Fair @ GMS
21	22	23-Interim Re- port Cards Go Home	24	25	26-Dolphin Spirit Day	27
28	29					

Monday, February 15



Tuesday, February 16

Cereal Bar or Cereal  
Bowl  
Peach Slices  
Choice of Juice and  
Milk

Wednesday, February 17

Chicken Biscuit  
Fruit Cup  
Choice of Juice and  
Milk

Thursday, February 18

Pancake Pups  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Choice of Juice and  
Milk

Friday, February 19

Breakfast Pizza  
Pineapple Chunks  
Choice of Juice and  
Milk

Monday, February 15



Tuesday, February 16

Chicken Chunks  
Tuna Pasta  
WGR Biscuits w/  
Either  
Steamed Broccoli  
Black-Eyed Peas  
Pineapple Chunks  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Choice of Milk

Wednesday, February 17

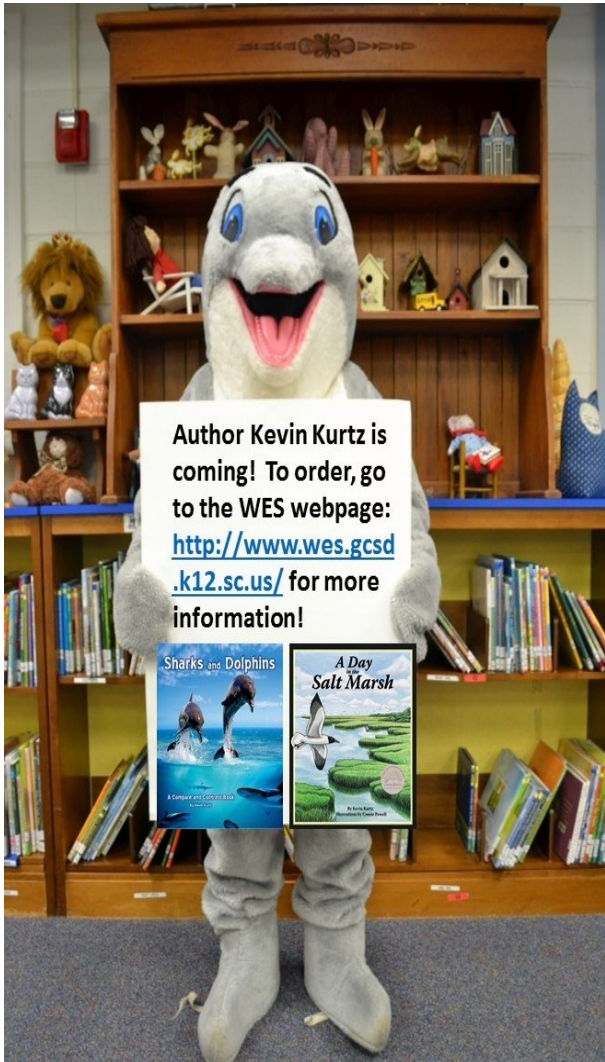
Teriyaki Chicken w/  
Rice  
Ham & Cheese Crois-  
sant  
Tossed Salad  
Oriental Vegetables  
Fruit Cup  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Choice of Milk

Thursday, February 18

Oven Fried Chicken  
Baked Ham  
Macaroni & Cheese  
w/Either  
WGR Yeast Roll w/  
Either  
California Blend Veg-  
etables  
Green Beans  
Chilled Pears  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Choice of Milk

Friday, February 19

Hamburger on WGR  
Bun  
Corndog  
Creamy Mashed Po-  
tatoes  
Garden Peas  
Frosty Peach Cup  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Choice of Milk



February 14—20	
Devontae Cobb	2/14
Hollis Grafe	2/14
Cristina Toma	2/14
Keylee Gunnarsson	2/15
Hope Cox	2/16
Ernest Harmon	2/17
Ethan Jones	2/17
Brooklyn Smith	2/18
Kevin Gabino	2/19
Vincent Ogburn	2/19
Avery Walters	2/19
Isaiah Simmons	2/20
Justin Steros	2/20

### 2015-16 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can currently be purchased online via the WES website for \$35.00 through February 19, 2016. They also can be purchased through the office for \$35.00 with the deadline also of February 19, 2016. **No orders will be accepted after February 19, 2016.**

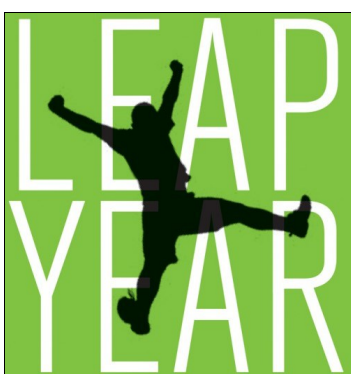
If there are any extras at the time of shipment, they will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Website:** [www.gcsd.k12.sc.us](http://www.gcsd.k12.sc.us)

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom doors are locked at 7:55 a.m. Parents, please refrain from asking to walk your child to their classroom because instruction has begun.



It takes the earth 365¼ days to complete an orbit around the sun.

That's why we add a 366th day (February 29th) in every year that can be divided evenly by 4.

But that still leaves us off by about 11 minutes every year.

So century years only have a leap year if they can be divided evenly by 400.

That's why the year 2000 had a leap year, but 1900 did not, and neither will 2100.

Got all that?