



Oblong Jr. High

What's Happening?

February 2024



“Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.”

Reference: History.com Editors. (2021, January 28). *Black History Month*. <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

“In acknowledgement of the importance of the ongoing fight against cardiovascular disease, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved December 30, 1963, as amended (36 U.S.C. 101), has requested that the President issue an annual proclamation designating February as *American Heart Month*.”

Reference: The White House. (2021, February 3). *A Proclamation on American Heart Month, 2021*. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/03/proclamation-on-american-heart-month-2021/>

“Being kind is never wasted.”

How people treat you is **THEIR** path, how you treat people is **YOURS**. Walk a path that will make you better and make you proud! Submitted by Mrs. Rennie

Reference: Juma, N. (2020, July 13). *Everyday Power*. <https://everydaypower.com/motivational-quotes-for-kids/>



Groundhog Day. Groundhog Day is February 2 and according to this tradition, we will have six more weeks of winter if he saw his shadow. “It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerging from its burrow on this day sees its shadow due to clear weather, it will retreat to its den and winter will persist for six more weeks; but if it does not see its shadow because of cloudiness, spring will arrive early.” “Data from the Stormfax Almanac’s data shows that Phil’s six-week prognostications have been correct about 39% of the time.” “According to the President of the Groundhog Club, Bill Deeley, Phil is 137 years old, having been alive since the ceremony began in 1887.”

Reference: Wikipedia. (n.d.). *Ground Hog Day*. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Groundhog_Day



HALF DAY

February 16th

11:30 a.m. Dismissal

NO SCHOOL

February 19th

No School

President’s Day



Presidents’ Day, officially Washington’s Birthday, in the United States, holiday (third Monday in February) popularly recognized as honoring George

Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The day is sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents

Fun Facts

In Switzerland it is illegal to own just one guinea pig.

This is because guinea pigs are social animals, and they are considered victims of abuse if they are alone. Why isn’t this a law everywhere?!



Snakes can help predict earthquakes.

They can sense a coming earthquake from 75 miles away, up to five days before it happens.



Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, which is why they were called “trailers”.

The problem with trailers showing after the film was that audiences wouldn’t stay around to watch them, making the trailers rather ineffective. After reading this newsletter, please tell your student to let Mrs. Rennie know (privately) and she will add 100 points to their account!



Reference: Ward, L. (n.d.). *200 Fun Facts That’ll Actually Make Your Life Better*. <https://www.thefactsite.com/top-100-random-funny-facts/>