



Oblong Jr. High

What's Happening?

March 2024



Women's History Month, is an annual declared month (March) that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. The commemoration began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California, and was championed by Gerda Lerner and the National Women's History Alliance to be recognized as a national week (1980) and then month (1987) in the US, spreading international after that. If your child can tell me who that is in the upper left hand corner, I will add 1,000 points to their account for the store. Look it up on the internet.

Youth Art Month is a month of promoting art and art education in the United States. It is observed in March, with thousands of American schools participating, often with the involvement of local art museums and civic organizations.



Reference: Wikipedia. (2021, March 06). *List of Month-Long Observances*. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_month-long_observances#March

Note from Mrs. Rennie: Wow, it seems like the year is moving rather swiftly. The 3rd quarter ends March 8. Grade cards are out March 15. About graduation: three of our 8th graders have indicated they will be going through the Oblong Graduation Ceremony. Once I have more details on the date and time, I will inform you all. When the ceremony is complete, your 8th grade student does not have to return to school unless there are assignments that have not been completed. Please encourage your child to work hard to catch up with and/or stay caught up on their homework assignments. I think all of them would like this early end of their school year privilege, but the price is to have all assignments/tests completed! They need to push themselves. The teachers are tired of pushing! LOL



AS A REMINDER: OUR CLASS ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and electronic devices are a privilege. On occasion, we have had some concerns of inappropriate usage. When your child arrives, they will be put in a secure place immediately and left there until time to get on the bus. If your child has lost this privilege, please make sure they don't bring one. If they do, it will be locked up until a parent can come and pick it up.




Early Dismissal

March 1, 11:30 am
No School
March 4
Casimir Pulaski Day

Pulaski is credited with helping save Washington's life during the Battle of Brandywine on Sept. 11, 1777, in Pennsylvania. "His courageous charge in this engagement averted a disastrous defeat," according to a 2009 resolution that named Pulaski an Honorary U.S. citizen posthumously. *The Pantagraph*

Fun Facts

Samuel L. Jackson requested a purple Lightsaber in Star Wars in order for him to accept the part as Mace Windu. Jackson wanted to be able to find himself on screen in big fight scenes, so he managed to get George Lucas to approve his request and grant him with a purple lightsaber.



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

IAR Testing

Illinois Assessment Readiness
This has been scheduled for April 9-11. We will provide snacks. Be sure your child is well rested for this annual testing. We will be using Chromebooks to test.

Our Class Mantra:



"Honesty is the Best Policy!"