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# Switzer Eagle Sentinel

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**March 2019**

**Reading Month**

**District Art Show**

**Student Placement**

**Spring Break**

**Kindergarten Open House**

## **Principal's Corner**

“LEAP into a GOOD BOOK” is the 2019 March is Reading month theme at Switzer. We started our reading month with our reading broadcast today. Information has been sent home but is also included in this newsletter. Students will be bringing home their packet with reading goals and a log sheets to be turned in on Mondays, starting March 11. Students who meet their goals and turn in their log sheets will be awarded tickets/flies and be entered into drawings for access pizza gift cards, Dairy Queen gift cards, bounce house opportunities and passes to the new Urban Air in Sterling Heights. Don't forget family reading night planned for March 22, at 6:30pm. All prizes and events have been funded by our supportive PTO and thank you Switzer reading committee for your hard work and great ideas!

Students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to work with the CSI program through the Attorney General's office. **All parents are invited to the parent version on March 12 @ 6:00pm.** Has your child asked about “Momo” or are you asking who they are playing with on Fortnite? This is a great opportunity for parents and I encourage you to attend with me. For more information on the state of Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative, please

visit: [http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82918\\_80840---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-82918_80840---,00.html)

Kindergarten Open House will be at 7:00PM on Wednesday, March 13. Registration forms are available online on both the Switzer website and the district website.

Spring break is around the corner. Please note that there will be no school April 1-5. School resumes Monday, April 8. When we return from spring break, the M-Step testing window opens for students in grades 3-6. Your student will be testing on days assigned to each grade level and by teacher. Exact dates will be shared by your classroom teacher as the window opens. Please visit <https://wbte.drctdirect.com/MI/portals/mi> **USING THE CHROME BROWSER.** This site gives students opportunities to see sample questions and gain some exposure to the testing format of M-Step. This is not a study guide but will give students a feel of the test.

Looking forward to another great month at Switzer!

Sincerely,  
Jacob Palmer

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Bagel Day	5 STOP, HOP and READ	6 PBIS Assembly  Read the Rainbow (Wear grade level colors/ Switzer gear)	7	8 OK 2 Say assembly (Grades 3-6)	9 Mother/Son Event
10 Daylight Savings 	11 <b>Reading Log Due</b>  Sham-o-gram Sale @ Lunch	12 STOP, HOP and READ  OK to Say/CSI Parent meeting 6pm gym  PTO Meeting 7:00pm  Spring Pictures	13 <b>Skate Night @ Rink</b>  Kindergarten Open House 7:00 PM Lifelong reader (Dress as favorite age)	14 Popcorn Sale @ lunch	15	16 
17	18 <b>Reading Log Due</b>  Bagel Day  UCS Art Show (Rose Kidd)  Family Dinner Night (Brown Iron Brew House)  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	19 STOP, HOP and READ  UCS Art Show (Rose Kidd)  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	20 Teacher Look alike day  UCS Art Show (Rose Kidd)  Malow Curriculum Night 6pm @ Malow (6 <sup>th</sup> grade only)  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	21 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade concert  Career Expo 7:00PM @IKE  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	22 Family Reading Night 6:30pm  <b>BOOK FAIR</b>	23
24	25 <b>Reading Log Due</b>	26 STOP, HOP and READ	27 Dress for your favorite holiday	28 Popcorn Sale @ lunch	29	30
31	1 SPRING BREAK	2	3	4	5	6

## Mark your calendars

Spring Break begins Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 with school resuming Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Have a safe and restful break.

- April 12<sup>th</sup> is a HALF DAY. (11:29 dismissal)
- April 19<sup>th</sup> No School

## Switzer's spring pictures

Switzer's spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite props, such as baseball mitt, soccer ball, basketball, musical instrument, stuffed animal, a favorite toy...be creative! Wear your spring colors! Please avoid wearing bright green as it may conflict with the green screen technology. **Don't forget, only students who bring a paid order on picture day will have their picture taken.**



## Kindergarten registration

Parents of children who will be starting kindergarten in Utica Community Schools in fall 2019 can begin the registration process at a kindergarten open house being held Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

At the open house, parents will have the opportunity to learn about the district's nationally-recognized kindergarten program, meet the teachers and building staff and submit school registration forms.

Children are eligible for kindergarten if they turn five years old on or before September 1, 2019. However, children who turn five between September 1 and December 1, 2019 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their parents submit a waiver form.

To register, parents must supply:

- An original birth certificate or certified copy, with raised seal, issued by the clerk of the county where your child was born or the health department of the state of birth;
- Your child's health immunization record; including vision and hearing screenings. Be sure to schedule immunization updates early these appointments are often limited;
- Photo I.D. (Driver's license or work photo I.D.)
- Proof of residency, such as property tax bill, closing papers or lease agreement. Please know that we are not able to accept utility bills.

For more information or for registration materials, please visit [uticak12.org](http://uticak12.org) and click on the "Kindergarten 2019" link.

A promotional graphic for 'Sham O' Grams!' featuring a leprechaun hat, a rainbow, and a pot of gold. The text reads: 'Sham O' Grams!', 'SUPPORT OUR 6TH GRADE!', '\$1.00 each or 12/\$10.00', and 'Print extra forms at www.switzerpto.com'. The graphic is enclosed in a green border.

## Lunch moms needed

Lunch moms are needed for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a paid position. For more information, please contact the Switzer office at 797-6400.

## Student placement

Our goal at Switzer Elementary is to have all classes balanced in a way that allows for every student's needs to be met. We believe classes should be balanced to ensure heterogeneous groupings.

The Switzer Elementary teaching staff will meet in May to determine placement of each student. Teachers from the students' current grade level, learning center teachers and the principal will carefully discuss the needs and learning style of each student. The major factors we consider are as follows:

- Student ability levels and demonstrated daily achievement
- Number of students in each class
- Special learning concerns or needs
- Student behavior
- Personality/Cohesiveness of entire classroom group

As educators, it is important we make informed decisions when preparing class lists, as our decisions impact all members of a classroom. Therefore, we cannot accept requests for teachers. I do however; take into consideration letters that explain certain needs, learning styles and environments that you believe your child is successful in. We do our very best to place Switzer students where they can receive the best possible instruction from our highly qualified staff.

All of our teaching staff members are state certified quality teachers who are able to provide appropriate learning experiences for your child. We are anxious to begin planning for an outstanding school year and thank you for your trust and support as we do so.

## Calling in your child's absence is very important

**Remember...**it is very important that you report your child's absence every day. If we do not hear from you, this is reported as an unexcused absence.

. The absence line number is:

**586-797-6499**

## Box Tops for Education update

**All box tops** need to be neatly trimmed around the dash lines and include the expiration date. They will be, and have been, rejected by the company without the date. It is very time consuming for our volunteers to trim each one as there are many, many of these that are sent in. We want the school get credit for all of them. Thank you.



## Notes from the lunch bunch

We have many students with allergies. Please remind your child about the dangers of sharing food with others. To ensure enough food for all, students must pre-order hot lunches one day in advance. Thank you for your understanding.

## Please make a deposit

**We have noticed that many children pay for lunch on a daily basis or with frequent small deposit amounts.** This practice requires additional personnel time to manage and reduces our instructional, office and lunch staff efficiency. Please consider making fewer-but larger deposits into your child's lunch account. Balances will be held until needed. Checks can be written to Utica Community Schools or deposits can be made on-line at [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://sendmoneytoschool.com).

Checks and on-line deposits are safe. They are the preferred method of payment. Thank you for your cooperation.



Hello from the Art Room! Our Art to Remember fundraiser is back and order forms are going home soon!! Switzer students created some amazing artwork this year and if you would like to purchase a product featuring your child's artwork you can order two different ways- either send in the order form to the office with a check made out to SWITZER PTO or cash or you can go directly to the Art to Remember website and order there with your special code found on the order form: <https://order.arttoremember.com>. All orders are due by FRIDAY, MARCH 15. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to purchasing art supplies for all Switzer students. Thanks for your support!! Sincerely- Mrs. Wennerstrom



## The Switzer Bookfair is coming!!

The following link allows online shopping, an eWallet and volunteer signup. Looking forward to a great event.<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/switzerelemsch>

# SWITZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Book Fair

53200 SHELBY ROAD, SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48316

**Mar. 15 - Mar. 22**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings kids the books they want to read. We'll receive a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level, and all purchases benefit our school!

Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. Please come to our book fair and help shape your child's reading habits.

See you at the book fair!



Check out the [interactive book flyer](#).

We're looking for  
volunteers!

Sign Up

Come to the Book Fair!

Monday  
Mar. 18

Tuesday  
Mar. 19

Wednesday  
Mar. 20

Thursday  
Mar. 21

Friday  
Mar. 22

# SUPER SWELL SWITZER ELEMENTARY

## 1<sup>st</sup> Order Form

2018-2019 Yearbook

Order Form

*Orders are due by:*

***Friday, March 8, 2019***

We can't believe it either. The year is half over! Where has the time gone? We've put together a terrific collection of student portraits and candid photos for a book that your child will enjoy for years to come!

**Order your child's year book today!**

**Just enclose \$16.00 cash and return to your child's teacher or school office.**

But don't wait too long! The deadline is fast approaching. **Yearbooks were NOT ordered with school picture orders.** Contact school office with any questions.

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Cut here and return with money in an envelope please

## YES, I want a Switzer 2018-19 Yearbook!

**One order form per child please  
Cash only**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

No of copies: \_\_\_\_\_ @ **\$16.00** each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yearbook cost 15.09 and plus .91 tax per book ) Total enclosed

# LEAP into a GOOD BOOK

March 1, 2019



Dear Parents,

We are sure you will agree that reading is important every month. Since March is National Reading Month, we wanted to add some extra fun to this event. Switzer Elementary will be giving special emphasis to activities that promote reading as a fun and enjoyable experience. Our theme this month is "Leap into a Good Book."

To start our program, every grade level will have a minimum reading goal, which will be measured in minutes read every day at home, not including homework time. Students are to log their minutes on their reading log (included in this packet) and have parents sign the log and turn it in on Mondays. If students achieve their weekly goal and turn in their signed log, they will be given a sticker to add to their frog on their classroom door. In addition, each week they meet their reading goal, they will be entered in a weekly drawing for a Dairy Queen free cone coupon or Little Caesar's free pizza coupon. Students reaching their goal all three weeks, will be entered into a drawing for an Urban Air gift card. One \$30 gift card will be awarded per class. Classes that reach their monthly goal will earn time with a bounce house later in the year. If we reach our school goal, we will have a special assembly and activity on Friday, April 15.

## **SWITZER SCHOOL GOAL: 150,000 Minutes**

- Kindergarten: Read at least 10 minutes per day (total of 50 minutes per week)
- First Grade: Read at least 15 minutes per day (total of 75 minutes per week)
- Second Grade: Read at least 20 minutes per day (total of 100 minutes per week)
- Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades: Read at least 30 minutes per day (150 min/week)

Starting on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Palmer will update the students' reading status on Switzervision. There is a calendar attached with recommended activities for students and parents to participate both at home and school. We hope that you enjoy all the fun and more importantly enjoy reading.


Switzer Reading Committee





# LEAP into a GOOD BOOK



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Go Wild... Read!</b>	2
3	4 	5 Stop, Hop, & Read	6 READ THE RAINBOW Wear your grade's colors	7 	8 Be smart about what you read online	9 Check out a book from the public library
10 Read a joke book	11 Turn in reading minutes	12 Stop, Hop, & Read	13 BE A LIFELONG READER Dress as your favorite age	14	15 SNUGGLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK! Comfy Cozy Dress Day	16 
17 	18 Turn in reading minutes  Book Fair	19 Stop, Hop, & Read  Book Fair	20 TEACHER LOOK ALIKE Dress like your favorite teacher  Book Fair	21  Book Fair	22 FAMILY READING NIGHT 6-8PM  Book Fair	23 Read a nonfiction book
24/31	25 Turn in reading minutes	26 Stop, Hop, & Read	27 HOLIDAY SPIRIT Dress for your favorite holiday	28 	29 INSIDE OUT Wear your clothes inside out	30

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Proud Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The Annual  
**Utica Community Schools**  
**K~12 DISTRICT ART SHOW**



**March 18 through March 20, 2019**

Rose Kidd Elementary Building  
38397 Gladstone Drive, MI Sterling Heights 48312

~ GALLERY HOURS ~

**MONDAY, MARCH 18 ~ 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Opening night shuttle busses available at Stevenson High School

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19 ~ 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 ~ 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



**Madison Stabile - Malow Junior High School**  
**Graphite Drawing - Teacher: Mrs. Sara Falombo**