

A February Note from the Principal

The month of February has arrived, and we are officially halfway through the school year! There are a number of things that will be happening over the next few weeks. As you know, February is Black History Month, so that will be a focus in our classrooms. In addition, the Character Education trait for this month will be *Courageousness*. We reinforce with the students that courageous people do the right thing even when others are not and they are willing to try new things. We certainly value your support with our program.

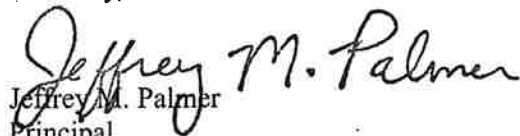
Our One School, One Book selection for this month will be *Ten Beautiful Things* by Molly Griffin. Following the school break later in the month, you will be receiving information for the Read for the Ronald McDonald House Program. We will again be participating in this program this year during the month of March. Last year, we were able to make a significant donation to the Ronald McDonald House. We are hoping to do the same this year with your support.

February Events

February 3rd	Distribution of Quarter 2 Report Cards
February 9th	Character Education Assemblies PK-2 @ 10:00, Gr. 3-5 @ 1:15
February 15th	PTA Meeting @ 5:45 in room M108
February 16th	Grade 5 Dance 5:30-7:30 Information was sent out by the grade 5 team.
February 20th-24th	No School
February 27th:	Information for the Read for the RMH Program Sent Home
March 1st	Start of the Read for the RMH Program

Please remember that families may start contacting Tracy Foust to register for kindergarten and next year's Prekindergarten Program on February 27th. She can be reached at 518-396-3518 ext. 3401. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey M. Palmer
Principal

VR's Vision: Our school is a safe and caring community where students learn to think critically, grow socially, and develop a love of learning that will last a lifetime. We will be polite, work hard, and have fun as we SHOW PRIDE at Van Rensselaer Elementary School.