



DATES TO  
REMEMBER

- February is Black History Month
- February 13 — Class Pictures
- February 14 — Valentine's Day 
- February 14 — Interim Reports
- February 17 — Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL for students
- February 20 — President's Day - NO SCHOOL 
- March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Dance  
3rd—5th grade  
6 pm—745 pm
- March 17— Staff Development Day - NO SCHOOL for students
- March 17— St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - Spring Pictures
- March 20 - 24 : Scholastic Book Fair
- March 27—31 - Career Week
- March 29 — Report Cards Issued

# Paws for the News

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## Valentine's Day Deliveries

Please be reminded that the schools of Edgefield County will **NOT** accept deliveries of any kind on Valentine's Day.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



**Class Pictures  
On  
Monday  
\$10.00 prepaid**

**There will be no school on  
February 17th or  
February 20th**

**Staff Development Day  
President's Day Observance**

**February is National  
Dental and Heart  
Health Month**

Don't forget to brush and floss your teeth at least twice a day.



Interim Reports go home on February 14th

## "Pawsitive" Behavior Picks of the week for February 3rd

(From l to r:) Kyvan Bibbs, Jordan Outlaw, Kayden Penn, Lizeth Salvador



## "Pawsitive" Behavior Picks of the week for February 10th

(From l to r:) Jamerius Hardy, Kimberly Ramirez, Erin Glanton, Kyree Polk





## Springtime Treasures

There will be a new fundraiser starting March 6th—21st sponsored by the PTO. There will be many items available for purchase and some great prize incentives for students based on number of sales. All orders must be in by March 21st.

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

## PTO Corner

The PTO is searching for volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year. The following officer vacancies are available:

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

Please contact Bubba Crow if you are interested in serving on PTO next year.



*Happy Valentine's Day !!*



## Black History Month Spotlight

*Langston Hughes*



Langston Hughes wrote more than 60 books, including poems, novels, short stories, plays, children's poetry, musicals, operas, and autobiographies. He was the first African American to support himself as a writer, and he wrote from his own experience.

Langston Hughes was born in 1902 in Joplin, Missouri. He was the only son of James Nathaniel Hughes and Carrie Mercer Langston. His parents divorced when he was young and his father moved to Mexico. Because his mother traveled a lot to find work and was often absent, his grandmother raised Hughes until he was 12. His childhood was lonely and he often occupied himself with books. It was Hughes's grandmother, a great storyteller, who transferred to him her love of literature and the importance of becoming educated.

In 1914 he moved to Lincoln, Illinois, to live with his mother and her new husband. It was here that he started writing poetry — he wrote his first poem in the eighth grade. A year later the family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. Despite all the moving around, Hughes was a good student and excelled in his studies. During his senior year at Central High School in Cleveland, Ohio, he was voted class poet and editor of the yearbook.

After high school, Hughes traveled in Mexico, Europe, and Africa — sometimes by working on freighters. By 1924 he had settled in Harlem, New York, and was an important figure during the Harlem Renaissance.

Hughes died on May 22, 1967, in New York, NY.

In February 2002, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp honoring Langston Hughes. This stamp was the 25th in the Black Heritage series and marked Hughes's 100th birthday.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/authors/langston-hughes/>