



# LEAVENWORTH VIRTUAL SCHOOL VOICE

February 2018

February is the month for love and kindness towards others. Of course, we immediately think of Valentine's Day on February 14th as being the day for love. Did you know that February also has Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17th? To celebrate this day, show a little kindness to others. It feels good to be nice to others and do something to help them out, to make their day a little easier. It also feels good to be on the receiving end of being assisted or told a compliment.

In this day and age when there is so much violence and dissension in our world, all we can do is our part to spread some kindness and goodwill. If you keep your eyes open, you will discover things you can do or say to encourage others. It really isn't that difficult.

Interestingly enough, February 4th is Thank a Mailman Day. By thanking your mailman, he or she will feel appreciated for a job they do unflinching six days a week, which is delivering your mail through all kinds of weather. It would not be an easy job to do day after day and still remain very cheerful.

February 11th is also Make a Friend Day and that goes along with Random Acts of Kindness Day and Thank a Mailman Day. A good start to making a new friend is to say or do something nice for them, a random act of kindness. Don't be afraid to approach someone you may not normally think about talking to such as an older person in a nursing home. Sometimes nursing home residents do not have many visitors and they welcome the company. Do you sing or play a musical instrument or enjoy reading to others? Those are good ways to interact with older folks in a nursing home and make some new friends, too.

Don't forget to show some love and kindness towards your pets this month. February 20th is Love Your Pet Day and a good excuse to spend time with your pets to give them special treats and attention. Pets love Random Acts of Kindness just like the rest of us! If you don't have a pet, maybe you and your family can go to your local animal shelter to adopt one. Giving a pet a good home is an ongoing Random Act of Kindness for the pet and for yourself, too because pets love us unconditionally and are glad to see us any time of the day. Taking care of a pet and being kind and of service to others are wonderful ways to spread love during this month of February and throughout the rest of the year.

## REMINDERS

All Virtual School families have been sent information on taking the I-Ready Math and Reading Tests for the spring semester. These are diagnostic tests that measure your student's academic growth this school year and will indicate any areas that could use more instruction. The testing window is open until February 16th so don't delay! Be sure to Call the Virtual School Office, 913-684-1540 if you have questions.

State Assessment Testing will begin March 13th for all 3rd through 8th grade students. Your program facilitator will be contacting you sometime the last week of February to schedule a time for your student to take the test.

Have fun building and exploring with all sizes and shapes of blocks on Friday, February 9th, in the Nettie Hartnett gym, at 1:00 p.m. Parents as Teachers will be conducting this Fun Friday, which is appropriate for students of all ages. Plan to attend!

The Leavenworth Virtual School Office will be closed on Friday, February 16th, due to parent-teacher conferences. Monday, February 19th, the office will be closed for President's Day and again on Tuesday, February 20th, for Professional Development. On Wednesday, February 21st, the Virtual School Office will be open for business from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Crown Lanes Bowling Alley, 834 Spruce Street, Leavenworth, will be our field trip destination on Friday, February 23rd. We will start bowling at 9:00 a.m. in order to get finished before the league bowling begins. Please R.S.V.P. to the Leavenworth Virtual School Office by the end of the day on Thursday, February 22nd, if you and your family would like to attend.

## WHAT'S NEW FOR NEXT YEAR?

Chandra Boyd, Sales Solution Executive for Calvert Education, was in Leavenworth this week to visit with the Virtual School program facilitators about curriculum enhancements for the 2018-2019 school year. Afterwards, she sat for a brief conversation on the school district's education podcast "See Me After Class 453." You can visit <https://soundcloud.com/user-107987350/ep-27-virtual-learning> or search for "See Me After Class 453" within iTunes, Google Play, TuneIn Radio and Stitcher. Your program facilitator can visit with you more about planned curriculum updates at the end of the current school year.

## LOCAL EVENTS

Hidden Art Locked Away on Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. showcases art created by inmates at Leavenworth area correctional facilities. Proceeds of this art sale, which will be held at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 South Esplanade Street, Leavenworth, benefit the River City Community Players. It's an art sale you won't want to miss!

On Saturday, February 3rd, at the Riverfront Community Center, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be the Pre-Spring Flea Market. If you would like to be a vendor, contact the Community Center, 913-651-2203.

Candle Queen Candles will be hosting Spooky Underground Tunnel Tours on Sat., February 3rd, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and again on February 24th. Contact Candle Queen Candles Boutique, 913-682-7724, for more information.

The Daddy and Me Sweetheart Tea will be on Sunday, February 4th, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Community Center, 123 South Esplanade Street, Leavenworth. Little girls and their dads, big brothers, grandfathers, uncles, etc. will dress up to enjoy an afternoon of fun and refreshments. Call the Riverfront Community Center, 913-651-2203, for more information.

Teens looking for a place to hangout with friends to watch Super Bowl LII are encouraged to come to the Salvation Army, 600 Walnut Street, Leavenworth, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition to watching the Super Bowl, teens-agers may play some dodgeball, basketball and enjoy refreshments from Domino's Pizza and Taco Johns. Call the Salvation Army, 913-682-6596, for more information.

Join the Friends of the Frontier Army Museum for Family Movie Night on Sunday, February 11th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Night at the Museum is the movie that will be shown in the Fort Leavenworth Post Theater, 375 Grant Ave., Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.

The University of Saint Mary will host their 20th Annual Lincoln Event to honor President Abraham Lincoln on Monday, February 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in Xavier Theater. Admission is free. Following the lecture, the winners of the contest to draw Abraham Lincoln will be announced. A reception will follow.