


# Holly Avenue February -March Newcomer Parents' Meeting

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## -----Coming Events at Holly Avenue and the Neighborhood-----

- Thursday, February 9      **COMMON CORE Early Release Day**  
ALL students dismissed at 11:40am
- Friday, February 10      Father/Daughter Dance - Holly Cafeteria (7:00 - 9:00pm)  
Fancy clothes expected
- Saturday, February 11      *Love Potions from the Garden Walking Tour*  
*L.A. Arboretum (11am)*  
*FREE with regular admission*
- Family Bird Walk*  
*L.A. Arboretum (8-10am)*  
*\$5 general public; members free; children 12 & under FREE*
- FREE Valentine's Day Art Market - Arcadia Library (2:30-4pm)*  
*Make Valentine's crafts*
- FREE Family Event - Chocolate: The Heart of Valentine's Day  
Gilb Museum (10am-12pm)
- February 13-February 17      The Great Kindness Challenge - *activity for students*  
Monday: Make a new friend. Hang out with someone new.  
Tuesday: Tell a compliment. Say something nice to someone.  
Wednesday: Wild About Kindness. Dress like a favorite animal. No masks.  
Thursday: Thank someone you appreciate.  
Friday: *High Five* as many people as you can.
- Tuesday, February 14      VALENTINE'S DAY (Class parties)  
Provide a card for EVERY child in the class.      
- February 15-February 17      **MINIMUM Days for Conferences**  
**Conferences with the student, parent(s), and teacher**  
**ALL students are dismissed at 12:35pm**
- Saturday, February 18      *Family Night Hike Adventure for children ages 7-12*  
*L.A. Arboretum (5:30pm-7:15pm)*  
*\$10 per child for members; \$12 per child for non-members*
- FREE African Drum and Dance Presentation*  
*Arcadia Library (2:30pm)*
- Monday, February 20      **NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- February 21 - Feb. 28      Spring Fundraiser - Tote bags and more.



# -----March-----

- Thursday, March 2      **COMMON CORE Early Release Day**  
ALL students dismissed at 11:40
- Friday, March 3      **MINIMUM DAY** - End of Second Trimester  
ALL students dismissed at 12:35pm
- Saturday, March 4      *FREE Hands-On Science Adventure - Space Exploration*  
*Arcadia Public Library (2:30pm)*
- March 4- April 15      *Bookmark Contest for the Library's Summer Reading Program*  
*Applications available at the Arcadia Public Library*
- Mon, March 6-Fri. March 10      Book Fair - Holly Avenue Auditorium
- Friday, March 10      Muffins with Mom - Holly Cafeteria (7:30am - 8:30)
- Sunday, March 12      *Daylight Savings Time BEGINS at 2am*  
*\*Set your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed on Saturday.*  
*\*Remember the expression:*  
*FALL BACK, SPRING AHEAD*
- Monday, March 6      District-Wide Earthquake Drill (All Arcadia schools)  
10:00am - DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON for at least 60 seconds
- Monday, March 13      *Pre-registration due for March 15 Track Meet*  
*Preregister with a Recreation Dept. Playground Activity Leader.*
- Wednesday, March 15      *Youth City Track and Field Meet (Born between 2006-2010)*  
*Check-in at the Arcadia High School Track (3:00pm)*
- March 16-18      Sister Act (Musical at Arcadia High School at 7pm or 4pm)  
[www.ahs.ausd.net](http://www.ahs.ausd.net)  
SELECT: Performing Arts  
SELECT: Drama  
SELECT: Purchase Tickets (\$10-\$30)
- Friday, March 17      St. Patrick's Day (wear GREEN)
- Monday, March 20      **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday, March 20      *Pre-registration deadline for March 22 Track Meet*  
*Preregister with a Recreation Dept. Playground Activity Leader.*
- Wednesday, March 22      *Youth City Track and Field Meet (Born between 2002-2005)*  
*Check-in at the Arcadia High School Track (3:00pm)*



Thursday, March 23

**COMMON CORE Early Release Day**

ALL students dismissed at 11:40

Saturday, March 25

**Peacock Day L.A. Arboretum (10am-4pm)**

*Regular admission applies*

Friday, March 31

Newcomer Parents' Meeting Room 13 (8:30-9:30)

Looking Ahead:

April 3 - April 7

No school - Spring Break

May 25

Open House

Upcoming Holidays:

**Groundhog Day**

On February 2, Groundhog Day, people try to forecast the weather. A popular legend says if it is a sunny day and a groundhog comes out of his underground home and sees his shadow, he will be scared by the shadow and will return to his home to sleep for another six weeks. This means that winter will stay for another six weeks. If it is a cloudy day, and he does not see his shadow, he will stay outside, meaning that spring has come.

**Valentine's Day**

St. Valentine's Day is on February 14. In elementary school, children have fun by giving "Valentine's cards" to their friends and teachers. Red, pink, and white are the colors associated with Valentine's Day as well as symbols like cupids and hearts. The custom of exchanging love tokens has nothing to do with the Christian holy man, St. Valentine, although it happens on his feast day.

**Presidents' Day**

Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States (born February 22) and Abraham Lincoln (born February 12), the sixteenth president who is known for ending the Civil War and slavery.

**St. Patrick's Day**

On March 17, elementary students wear green to school to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Patrick is Ireland's patron saint and they honor him on this day. The first official celebration of St. Patrick's Day in the United States occurred in Morristown, New Jersey in 1780 which was authorized by George Washington. Today St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish as well as many Americans with parades, parties, wearing of green, Irish songs, and jigs. People wear green on this day to represent the lushness of Ireland - The Emerald Isle.

**Activities at the L.A. Arboretum**

**Santa Anita Depot Tours**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-4pm; Sundays from 1-4pm

FREE with admission

\*Tour the interior and learn what the depot was like when it was operational.

**Docent-Led Walking Tours**

Tuesdays-Fridays at 10am; Saturdays from 10:30am FREE with admission