

Sandbox News



Building Blocks Learning Academy's Newsletter 2026

Happy St. Patrick's Day

March Copayments
DUE March 5th!!



The public celebration of women's history in this country began in 1978 as "Women's History Week" in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women's Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women's History Month. As we look back on the accomplishments of women throughout history, we have to remember that our work is still not done. We are all phenomenal women, and we need to keep marching forward to full equality for all genders.

PHENOMENAL WOMAN

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms,
The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.

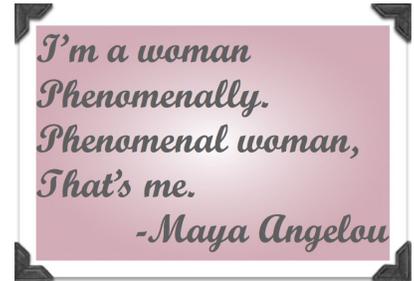
I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,
The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.
I say,
It's the fire in my eyes,

And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,
That's me.
Men themselves have wondered
What they see in me.
They try so much
But they can't touch
My inner mystery.
When I try to show them,
They say they still can't see.
I say,
It's in the arch of my back,
The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts,
The grace of my style.
I'm a woman
Phenomenally.

Phenomenal woman,
That's me.
Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.

I don't shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.
I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need for my care...



March Birthdays:

- Nelli V. – March 7th
- Cole F. – March 10th
- Bennett K. – March 21st
- Ms. Erin S. – March 23rd

February in review:

February was a month full of LOVE. The children spread love all throughout the month. The children had so much fun in their classrooms celebrating Valentine's Day. The classrooms were decorated and the children got to partake in delicious treats. The teachers had fun activities as well as arts and crafts.



Though February is over, we can still celebrate Black History Month all year long. Every day is a day to celebrate the sacrifices that have been made to bring us to where we are now. And as we look to the future, may we always remember the past. We remember that *we don't need to be limited by our circumstances, only by our imaginations!*



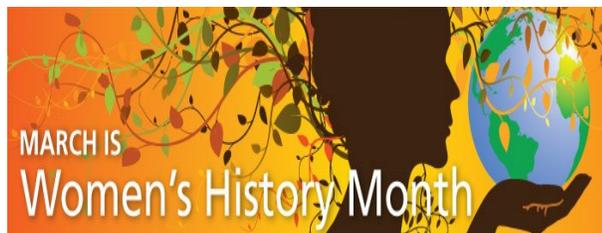
Mark your Calendars

- March 1st Women's History Month
- March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Birthday
- March 5th – Copayments DUE
- March 7th – National Dress In Blue Day
- March 10th – Pack Your Own Lunch Day (Bring Your Own Lunch To School)
- March 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- March 23rd – National Chip & Dip Day
- March 30th – National Doctors Day
- March 30th-April 3rd Batavia Public School Spring Break



SUNDAY 3/08/2026

February was Dental Awareness Month. The children learned about the importance of brushing their teeth 2 times a day. The children had so much fun making dental arts and crafts in their classrooms.



Why St. Patrick's Day?



St. Patrick is the beloved patron saint of Ireland. He was born in Britain and at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. He was then transported to Ireland where he was held captive for six years, living a solitary, lonely life as a shepherd. It was then that he became a devout Christian, embracing his religion for solace.

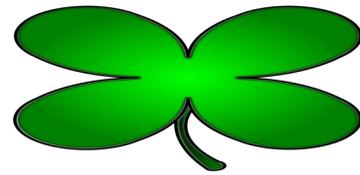
From his writing, we know that a voice, which he believed to be that of God, spoke to him in a dream, urging him to leave Ireland. He did. Walking nearly 200 miles, Patrick escaped to Britain and undertook seriously religious training.

After 15 years of study, Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. His mission was to minister to Christians and to convert the Irish, then pre-dominantly pagans, to

Christianity.

The history of St Patrick's Day in America, however, begins with Irish soldiers serving in the British army. The very first parade in New York City not only helped the homesick Irish soldiers connect with their roots through the familiar strains of traditional Irish music—usually featuring bagpipes and drums, but also helped them to connect with one another, finding strength in numbers. Soon enough, their numbers were recognized and the Irish soon organized and exerted their political muscle, becoming known as the “green machine”.

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Things YOU Can Do to Help Naturally Reduce ALLERGY SYMPTOMS

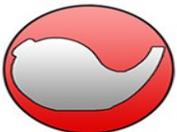


1. Wear Shades

Wear glasses or sunglasses when outdoors. Covering your eyes keeps pollen and other irritants away from this sensitive area, which reduces itchiness and redness. Pollen is a known irritant for eyes and eyelids.

2. Drink Water

Even mild dehydration can activate histamine production, so staying hydrated can dampen allergy symptoms.



3. Nasal Irrigation

Nasal irrigation with a combination of warm water and natural salt may help clear out mucus and open sinus passages. You can administer the solution through a neti pot.

4. Shower & Wash Your Hair Before Bed

Cleaning up before getting into bed helps remove pollen from your hair and skin, which reduces irritation. You should also consider keeping pets out of the bedroom if they've been outside, as pollen can cling to their fur.



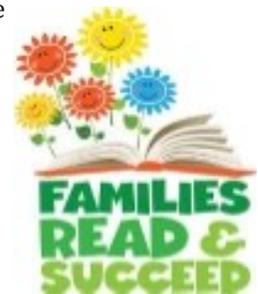
5. Stay Indoors

Minimize activities outdoors when pollen counts are at their peak. Pollen is typically at its highest point during midday and afternoon hours, so those who suffer from allergies and asthma should avoid going outside during those times of day.

Blocks Korner...

Happy Spring, Kindergarten Parents!

March is Literacy Month here at Building Blocks, we urge you to read a book EVERYDAY with your child. We will be listening to many different books throughout the month.



Parent Reminder : March 30th-April 3rd, 2026



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