

# COYOTE BULLETIN

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The month of  
**March**



## IMPORTANT DATES



- March 1-15 Read-A-Thon
- March 2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday (Spirit Day: Pajama Day)
- March 4: Book Fair Family Night 4:30pm-7:30pm
- March 11: End of Quarter 3
- March 14: Report Cards go home
- March 14-18: Spirit Week
- March 17: Special Olympics Banner Recognition Ceremony
- March 21: Down Syndrome Awareness Day (Spirit Day: Crazy Socks)
- March 23-25: Conferences, 1:00pm dismissal
- March 28-April 1: Spring Break, No school

## NATIONAL BANNER UNIFIED CHAMPION

This school year Otondo qualified as a National Banner Unified School. National banner schools are those that have met the ten standards of excellence for inclusion, as outlined by a national panel of leaders from Special Olympics and the education community. Each school's application is reviewed by their Special Olympics Program, as well as a National Certifying Body of key leaders in the educational community.

On March 17 Otondo will be recognized for its National Banner status by Special Olympics and its partner Hasbro.

We will celebrate during the week with a spirit week:

- Monday 3/14: Twin Day
- Tuesday 3/15: Colorful & Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday 3/16: Sports & Hat Day
- Thursday 3/17: Green Day (St. Patrick's Day)
- Friday 3/18: Otondo Gear

On March 17 we hope that you will join us by **watching the celebration Virtually. More information about virtual access to come soon.**

## DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

World Down Syndrome Day (WDS), 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.

The date for WDS being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

Join us in celebrating World Autism day on March 21st by wearing Crazy Socks!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Friday March 4, 2022 is Family Night! The book fair will be setup outside at the front entrance from 4:30-7:30 for families to come shop.

Visit [scholastic.bookfair.com](http://scholastic.bookfair.com) to shop online or create a wallet for your student. At the top of the screen select "Find your fair" and search for Mary Otondo Elementary.

As a reminder, the book fair ends Friday night and all wallet funds will need to be spent by then.

## READ-A-THON

It's a perfect time to READ!

With the Scholastic Book Fair this week, Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America all happening, it's a perfect time to sit down with a book and help raise funds with the PTO for Mary Otondo Elementary School!

Registering with the links provided, sharing on Facebook, and sending messages and emails to family and friends, all give your student and family opportunities to win! From bookmarks, treats, and popcorn parties all the way to 15% of your sales to spend in the store AND a chance at a trip to Disney for the family, it's all part of the fun! COME READ WITH US!

March 1 - March 15

[www.read-a-thon.com/readers](http://www.read-a-thon.com/readers)

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# PURPOSEFULL PEOPLE

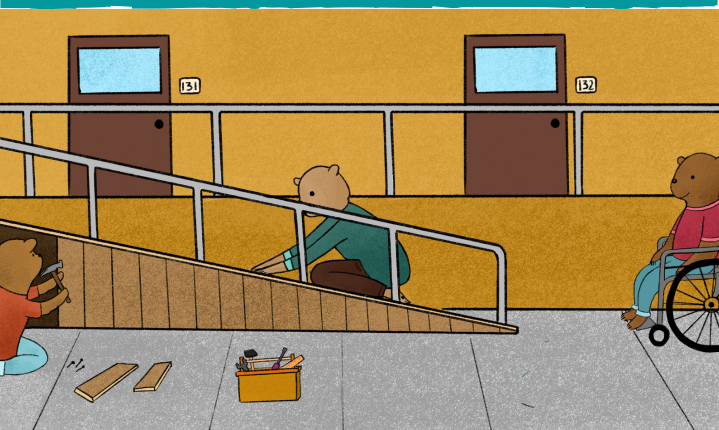


# Respect

This month we're talking about the character trait of Respect. The dictionary defines it as the value of admiring another person for who they are and what they do. The definition we are using in class is:

Respect: seeing good in people and things (and treating them with care).

We are also talking about Respect in the context of using good manners, not using inappropriate or offensive language, being courteous to one another, resolving conflicts peacefully, and treating one another as we would want to be treated (and how they want to be treated!).



## Conversation Starters for Home

- Talk with your child about what it means to be respectful, to be courteous and to use their manners, to solve conflict peacefully, and what it means to treat others the way they want to be treated.
- Talk about a time you felt disrespected and what you did about it in a way that demonstrated Respect.
- If Respect means making others see good in people and making people feel cared for, how do we already show Respect at home? How can we do a better job showing Respect as both kids and adults?



# Coyote Challenge

Respect the Planet Talk about how you can Respect our planet by keeping it clean. Visit a place in your community where your family enjoys spending time - it could be a park, the library, a playground, or even your neighborhood. Take gloves and a trash bag with you and look for litter to pick up. Talk about how picking up litter helps our environment.