



District E-News **March 16, 2026**

Newark CCSD 66

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Dear Families and Staff,

Kindergarten round up for the 2026 - 2027 school year will be held on Thursday, April 9 at 4:30 at Newark Grade School. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please join us for registration and academic information.

Quarter 4 begins!! We are still learning! We are also starting to plan summer projects! The flooring at MJH, the parking lot at NGS, front entrance and replacing the playground border at NGS are all on the list of things for the board to consider. Safe buildings and grounds helps our learning!

Thanks to all who took the 5Essentials Survey! Parent participation at MJH was 30% and NGS 22%. We will receive parent results to use in our strategic planning.

Quarter 3 report cards and Attendance letters will be coming home on Wednesday this week. Keep in mind that if your student has been absent more than 10 days this year, they are considered chronically absent and will be on 4th quarter medical documentation (whether excused or unexcused). 4th quarter medical documentation continues into next school year. State funding is dependent on our average daily attendance. Not that we receive a lot of money from the state (about $230,000), but funding decreases when students are chronically absent. Chronic Truancy is when students miss school without a valid reason. Please let Mrs. Turman or Ms. Chase know if you have any questions.

Highlights this week:

3/16 Monday - Dress up day: Spring colors! BOE Meeting 6:30 pm @ NGS; 5th & 8th ISA testing; Track practice 3 - 4:30

3/17 Tuesday - Voting Day! Dress up day: Green! Food Pantry at NGS 4:00 - 5:30 pm; 5th & 8th ISA testing; Track practice 3 - 4:30; Scholastic Bowl 3 - 4:30; Jr. 10 Spelling Bee at Somonauk

3/18 Wednesday - Dress up day: Crazy Hair or hat day! Q3 report cards go home today! 5th & 8th ISA testing; Scholastic Bow @ Serena 4:00 pm; Track practice 3:00 - 4:30 pm

3/19 Thursday - Dress up day: Hawaiian Day! 5th and 6th Funway field trip; Track practice 3:00 - 4:30 pm; Time to Dine @ Molina's!

3/20 Friday - Dress up day: Pajama Day! MJH Q3 Honor rolls; 1:15 dismissal MJH & 1:30 dismissal NGS.

****Congratulations** to our Viking Victory Winners the past week: NGS - Charlotte Yunker, Ava Underhill, Daniela Belmontes, Kole Stewart, and Kinsley Jones.

****Congratulations** to Mrs. Wood (nominated by Miss Gabby)
MJH Spotlight Student/Staff of the Week!

Student needs everyday: Water bottle, healthy snack, headphones. **WE still need those 5 things! Mornings are cold for outdoor recess and it is muddy! We will watch the weather! Hopefully Spring Break brings warmer weather and we can drop to 3 things after break!**

ENews will return on March 29th! Enjoy Spring Break! Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need anything. Enjoy Spring Break!

Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Dates to Remember:

March- Women's' History Month
March 16 - Board of Education Meeting at NGS 6:30
March 17 - Mobile Food Pantry at NGS 4 - 5:30 pm; Jr. 10 Spelling Bee @ Somonauk 6:30 pm
March 18 - Q3 Report Cards go home
March 19 - Funway trip for 5th/6th grades; Molina's Time to Dine
March 20 - SIP day 1:15/1:30 dismissal; MJH Honor Roll Day
March 23 - March 27 - Spring Break
March 31 - 8th grade visits IVVC
April 1 - PTO meeting 6:00 @ NGS
April 2 - Q3 Perfect Attendance Sundaes
April 3 - No School - Good Friday
April 6 - No School - Easter Monday
April 7 - 17 - IAR state testing for grades 3 - 8
April 9 - Kindergarten Round up 4:30 - 5:30 (flyer below)
April 16 - Spring Picture Day!
April 16 - 18 - Guys and Dolls @ NCHS
April 20 - BOE meeting at NGS 6:30 pm
April 21 - Food Pantry @ NGS 4 - 5:30
April 24 - SIP day 11:15/11:30 dismissal
May 2 - 8th grade lock in @ MJH 5 pm - 11 pm

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Millbrook Jr. High Updates

Week of March 16-March 20

Monday, March 16

Morning Report: Emersyn

SPRING BREAK SPIRIT WEEK: Spring Colors Day
BOE meeting @ NGS 6:30 pm
5th & 8th ISA testing (during class)

Sports & Activities:
Track & Field Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Tuesday, March 17

Morning Report: Grace

SPRING BREAK SPIRIT WEEK: St. Patrick's Day: Wear Green
Food Pantry at NGS 4-5:30 pm
5th & 8th ISA testing (during class)

Sports & Activities:
Scholastic Bowl Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM
Track & Field Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM
Guys n Dolls 3:30-5 pm

JR 10 Spelling Bee @ Somonauk 6:30 pm
Good luck: Mrs. Worek, Bryson, Emersyn, Allie, & Keaton

Wednesday, March 18

Morning Report: Evalynn D.

SPRING BREAK SPIRIT WEEK: Crazy Hair Day/Hat Day
REPORT CARDS go home today!
Viking Victory Pizza Party: (Ava Bender, Elyse, Natalie, Worek); Lisa cover Worek Win
5th & 8th ISA testing (during class)
Speech today

Sports & Activities:
Scholastic Bowl @ Serena, 4:00 PM Bus:3:15 PM
Track & Field Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM
Guys n Dolls 3:30-5 pm

Thursday, March 19

Morning Report: Ava G. (5th)

SPRING BREAK SPIRIT WEEK: Hawaiian Day
SEL A day (Mrs. Dunlap SEL-Wilson)
Student Council meeting during 2nd lunch
FUNWAY Field trip (5th & 6th grade) 9 am-2:15 pm (Anderson, Henson, Wilson & Miss Gabby)
5th & 8th ISA testing (make up)
Math coach here

Sports & Activities:
Track Practice 3-4:30 pm

Friday, March 20

Morning Report: Briana

SPRING BREAK SPIRIT WEEK: Pajama Day!
Q3 Honor Roll Donut Day
1:15 Dismissal (Happy Spring Break!)
5th & 8th ISA testing (make up)

Sports & Activities:
Track Practice 3-4:30 pm

Student Council Presents

Count Down to SPRING BREAK

MONDAY, MARCH 16 SPRING COLORS DAY 

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY: WEAR GREEN 

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 CRAZY HAIR/HAT DAY 

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 HAWAIIAN DAY 

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 PAJAMA DAY 

March 16, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We will be facilitating state-required assessment tests. Students in grades three, four, five, six, seven and eight will be tested in reading and mathematics. In addition, 5th and 8th grades will perform three sections in Science. It is extremely important to have good attendance on testing days. MJH will be testing the Illinois Science Assessment on March 16, 17, and 18. Reading and Math will be on April 7, 8, and 9. NGS will be testing April 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9.

The tests are a part of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and are being given to all eligible students. Students will be challenged to apply their knowledge instead of just memorizing facts.

You can help your child do his/her best on these tests by following these guidelines:

- ✔ Make sure that your child attends school on all days of testing.
- ✔ Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing.
- ✔ Provide a healthy breakfast on the mornings of testing.
- ✔ Remind your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions.
- ✔ Let your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do their best.
- ✔ Advise your child not to worry about the test - just do his/her best!
- ✔ Testing materials needed by grades three through eight students are: **Headphones**, **Number Two pencils and a calculator. (The calculator for grades 6th – 8th only CANNOT be on an electronic device such as a Kindle or iPod, or any kind of phone.)**
- ✔ **Students cannot have phones, smartwatches, or any other technology besides their district issued chrome book for testing.** Any smartwatches/devices can stay with the teacher in the classroom, but cannot be next to the student.
- ✔ Please bring a healthy snack and/or juice, water. We will have a break after testing.

Please contact your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about these tests. We look forward to sharing the IAR results with you. Thank you for your continued support at home.

Partners in Education,

Mrs. Demetra Turman, Superintendent
Ms. Mindi Chase, Principal

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School Nurse NEWSLETTER

March 2026





From the Nurse A's Desk

Happy March, Newark School District #66 families! This month, we're focusing on keeping our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Please take a moment to review this month's health tips and important reminders.

2026-2027 Required Health Docs

Letters were sent out in January to students entering grades that require the Illinois State Health exam. As well as school action plans. These are required for this upcoming school year. This reminder gives everyone time to plan and schedule their appointments. Once physician forms are complete, please turn into or email Mrs. Ammenhauser! Please see grade-level state requirements below.

Monthly Health Spotlight:

Nutrition

Good nutrition gives your body the energy it needs to grow, learn, and play. Eating a variety of foods helps keep you strong, focused, and feeling your best.

Smart Nutrition Tips for Students:

- Eat the rainbow: Different colored fruits and veggies give your body different nutrients.
- Choose whole grains: Foods like oatmeal, brown rice, and whole-grain bread give lasting energy.
- Power up with protein: Eggs, beans, chicken, and nuts help your muscles grow.
- Drink water: Staying hydrated helps you think and play better.
- Limit junk food: Save sugary snacks and sodas for special treats, not everyday fuel.

CONTACT IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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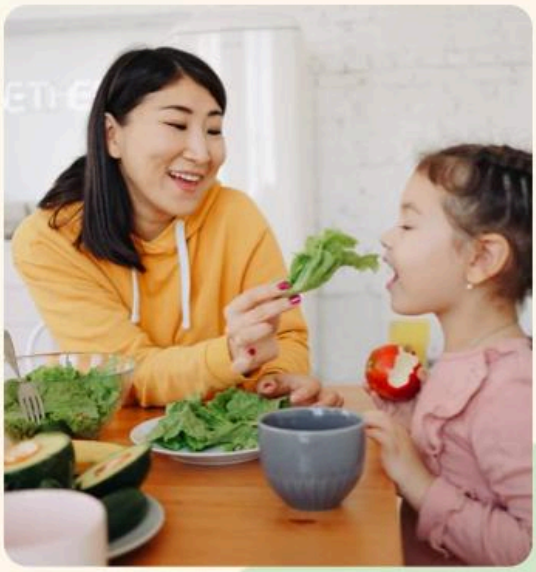
UPCOMING HEALTH EVENTS

Morris Hospital Sports Physicals at MJH

Morris Hospital providers will be performing sports physicals at MJH on May 12, 2026, for the upcoming 5th, 7th, and 8th-grade students. More information COMING SOON for those who are interested!

Kindergarten Round-up

April 9, 2026 4:30 pm -5:30 pm
Nurse Ammenhauser will be available at the kindergarten round up to answer any medical or health questions for upcoming kindergarten families.



HEALTHY HABITS REMINDER

- Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables.
- Choose water or milk instead of soda or sugary drinks.
- Try whole grains like brown rice, whole-wheat bread, or oats.
- Eat protein foods (beans, eggs, chicken, nuts) to build strong muscles.
- Don't skip breakfast—your brain needs fuel to learn!



Did You Know?

Your brain uses about 20% of the energy from the food you eat—so healthy foods = better focus in school!



Illinois Health Requirements

Preschool

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, Polio, Hepatitis B, HIB, Pneumococcal), Varicella "Chicken pox", MMR)
- * Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*

Kindergarten and/or first entry to Illinois Schools

- Birth Certificate
- Physical Examination/immunizations (DTP, hepatitis B, Polio, MMR, Varicella "chicken pox")
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*
- Dental exam on school dental exam form
- Vision exam by optometrist or ophthalmologist

Second Grade

- Dental exam on school dental exam form

Sixth Grade

- Physical examination/immunizations (Hepatitis B, Tdap booster, meningococcal)
- *Religious exemption (for immunizations) if applicable*

MARCH

What's Happening in PTO

- 3/4 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at MJH
- 3/13 School Store at NGS during lunch ($1-$3 is plenty)
- 3/14 Daddy Daughter Dance 6-8pm at MJH
  Tickets can be purchased at the door for $35 and each additional daughter will be $7
- 3/19 Molina's Pizza Time to Dine



April Upcoming Events

- 4/1 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at NGS
- 4/9 Country Kitchen Time to Dine
- 4/22 Chili's Time to Dine in Morris
- 4/24 School Store at NGS during lunch (last store for the school year)





Don’t want to cook, we got you covered!

the current funds being raised will be going to:

NGS-playground repairs
MJH-Playground repairs

1 W. Main Street
Newark, IL 60541

815-658-4003

Time To Dine- Let’s go out to eat fundraiser

Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High would like to give a BIG **THANK YOU** to **MOLINA’S** and **YOU**!

They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all the sales for the date below will be donated as a benefit back to our school. bring this flyer in or show it on your phone.

MARCH 19th

11am–9pm

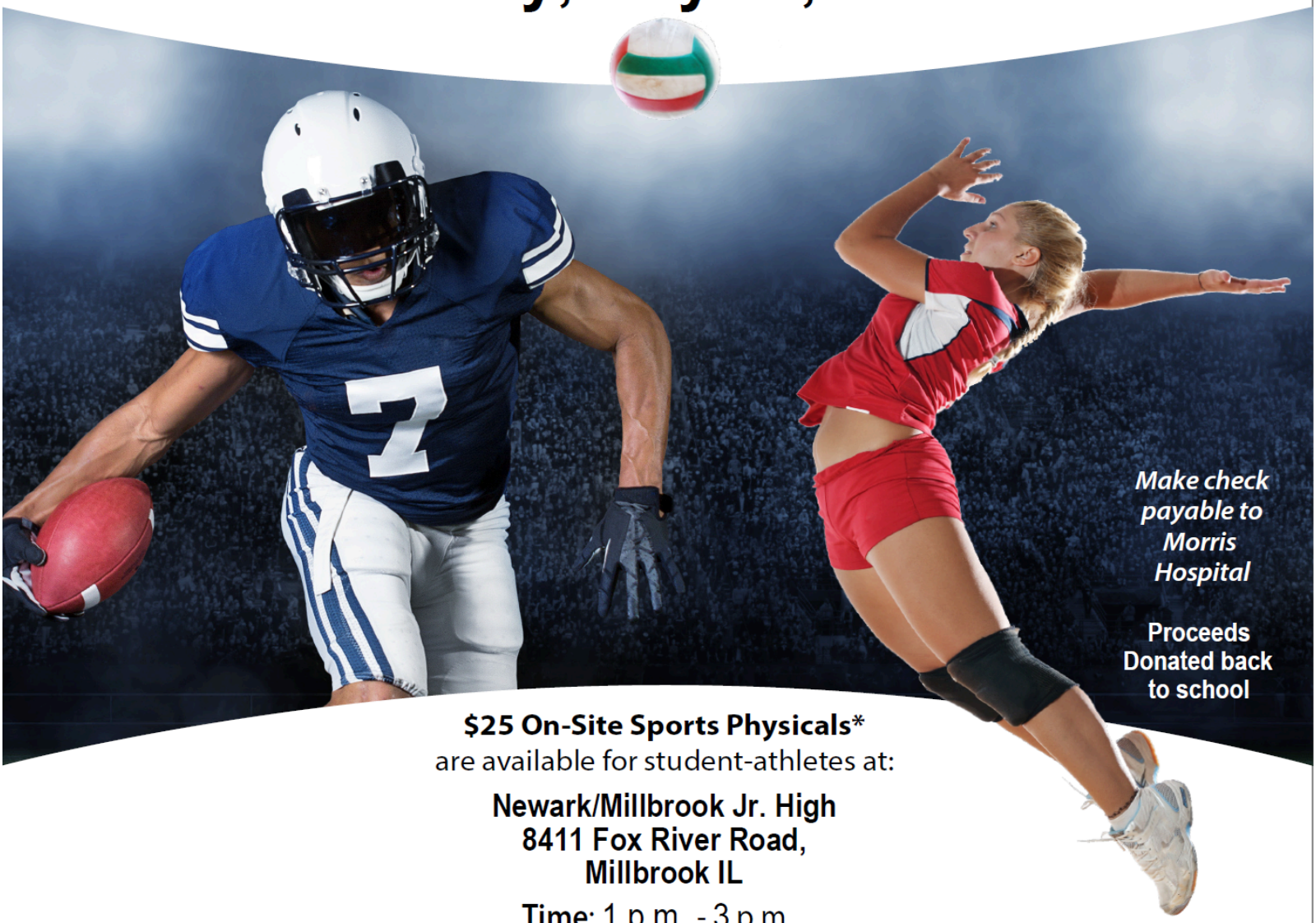
ALL DAY FUNDRAISER

NEWARK / MILLBROOK
Parent Teacher Organization

Get Cleared to Play

$25 Sports Physicals

Tuesday, May 12, 2026



$25 On-Site Sports Physicals*
are available for student-athletes at:

Newark/Millbrook Jr. High
8411 Fox River Road,
Millbrook IL

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Questions: Contact Lindsay Ammenhauser, RN
at 815-695-5143 X304

ON-SITE PROVIDER:
JEN FRYE, F.N.P.-B.C.
Family Nurse Practitioner

MORRIS HOSPITAL
& HEALTHCARE CENTERS



Need groceries? The Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile distribution can help. Food is free to all neighbors; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Just need to provide zip code and how many in your household. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Where:

Newark Grade School
503 Chicago Road Newark, IL 60541

When:

4:00pm-5:30pm – 3rd Tuesday of each month

January 20, 2026	February 17, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 21, 2026	May 19, 2026	June 16, 2026

Come Join Us!

Our SNAP team is available and ready to help!
Call or text "Food" or "Comida" to 844-600-7627
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NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.

Charles B. Phillips Library March Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
2 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Dr. Seuss*	**3** 4:00 PM Crochet Club Ages 10+	**4** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**5**	**6** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Meet at the library	**7** 10:00 AM Lego/Duplo Club *Dinosaur*
9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime with a Firefighter 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*	**10**	**11** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**12**	**13** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**14** 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat *Isola* By Allegra Goodman
16	**17** 	**18** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**19** 5:00 PM *The Rise & Fall of the Doughboy* Presented by Terry Lynch	**20** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	**21**
23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Spring* 11:30 AM Kid's Movie *Zootopia 2*	**24** 10:30 AM All Ages Spring Lego Build	**25** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**26** 5:00 PM Kid's Movie *Hop*	**27** 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta 2:00 PM Kid's Activity *Bunny Bait*	**28** 10:00 AM Breakfast with the Bunny Free Tickets available March 14
30 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	**31**	6 N. Jackson St. Newark, IL 60541 815.695.5851 www.cbplib.us		Adult Youth	



NGS SCHOOL STORE



KIDS CAN PURCHASE ITEMS DURING THEIR LUNCH TIME
PRICES RANGE FROM $.25 - $2.00

Items include:

Scented erasers, pencils toppers, bookmarks, key chains, squishy toys and much more!

●●● School Store Dates ●●●

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

December (holiday Store)

January 23rd

February 20th

March 13th

April 24th


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Newark CCSD 66 | 2025-2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST '25

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12 Teacher Institute
13 Teacher Institute
14 1st day student attend

SEPTEMBER '25

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01 Labor Day
04 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

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10 **Teacher Institute**
13 Columbus Day
No School
22 PT Conferences 4 – 7
23 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
PT Conferences 2 – 7
24 No School

NOVEMBER '25

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11 Veterans Day
14 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
26 - 28 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER '25

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18 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 - 31 Winter Break

JANUARY '26

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01 New Year's Day
05 Teacher Institute
16 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
19 M.L. King Day
No School

FEBRUARY '26

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16 Presidents' Day

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20 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
23 – 27 Spring Break

APRIL '26

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03 Good Friday -off
05 Easter Sunday
06 No School
24 SIP 11:15/11:30

MAY '26

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22 Last Day 1:15/1:30
25 Memorial's Day

JUNE '26

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19 Juneteenth

JULY '26

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04 Independence Day

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