



## YES CHARTER MARCH NEWS

Dear Families and Community Members,

One of the hallmarks that sets YES Charter apart is our commitment to Project-Based Learning (PBL). At every grade level, students engage in meaningful, year-long projects designed to spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and connect classroom learning to the real world.

Each project begins with a driving question or real-world problem that encourages students to explore and think critically. Through sustained inquiry, students research topics, gather information, test ideas, and apply what they learn in meaningful ways. Projects are designed to be authentic, connecting learning to real-world challenges and community needs, while giving students voice and choice in how they approach their work.

All of this learning builds toward an exciting celebration at our Annual Earth Day Festival on April 25!

Each grade level will host a table to showcase their projects and share discoveries with families and our community. Past projects have included first graders planting a field of milkweed to support pollinators as part of their study of ecosystems.

Mark your calendars and join us on April 25 to celebrate student curiosity, creativity, and care for our planet!

**March 12 @ 5:30**  
**Parent Club meeting**  
**House of Pizza,**  
**Marysville**

**March 13**  
**No School**

**March 18**  
**TK-4, and 6**  
**Award Assembly**



*Mr. Burt accepting a surprise!*

### **Staff Shout Out**

Students, staff, and parents celebrated Mr. Burt on March 6 for Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day.

This special day highlights the hard work and dedication of employees like Mr. Burt who keep our campus safe and beautiful!



### **Quick Tips: Trade a Little Screen Time for Green Time**

Looking for simple ways to help kids unplug and connect with nature? It doesn't have to be complicated!

- Take a short family walk and see who can spot the most birds, bugs, or interesting leaves.
- Bring a snack outside and have a quick “backyard picnic.”
- Let kids build something with sticks, rocks, or other natural materials.
- Watch the sunset together or look for the first stars at night.
- Start a small nature collection—cool rocks, pinecones, or leaves.

Even a few minutes outdoors can spark curiosity, creativity, and great family conversations

### **Communicating with Your Child: Clear, Calm, and Intentional**

Clear, calm, and direct communication helps children of all ages feel safe, confident, and connected. At school, we use approaches like Nurtured Heart and Conscious Discipline, which focus on noticing and naming positive choices rather than emphasizing mistakes.

Giving clear, step-by-step directions supports children's ability to think calmly and respond successfully. Simple, explicit instructions help reduce overwhelm, build independence, and guide children through problem-solving with confidence.

Instead of general praise or labels like “You're so smart,” try naming the thinking or effort you notice: “I noticed how you tried a different strategy when the first one didn't work,” or “You thought carefully before answering.” This helps children understand what actions lead to success and encourages a growth mindset.

When children feel seen for their strengths and supported with clear expectations, they build confidence, self-control, and strong decision-making skills both at home and at school.

“There's nothing wrong with having a tree as a friend.”  
Bob Ross, painter and TV personality