



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It's February, and there are so many things to love this time of year. As always, I love seeing your children walk the hallways of Fine Arts with smiles on their faces, whether they are on their way to class, lunch, Art, Music, Dance, Band...you name it and they are happy. Have you taken the opportunity to listen to your children read out loud, proud of the progress they are making? We just had our Middle School New Year's dance and I absolutely LOVE how gorgeous and handsome your children are! They came in their fancy clothes; they were so well behaved as they danced the night away. Love it!

SIGNATURE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

We are excited to welcome back the Sounds Academy! Students in grades 3-8 who are interested in learning how to play guitar have been meeting with instructors from Sounds Academy two times per week. We can't wait to hear these young musicians play for us!

GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- 6th grade is off to a great start solving equations with one variable!
- 2nd grade has been working on Gifted Testing. We are so proud of all the hard work our students put into the tests and we are excited to see who qualifies for the gifted program.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

Connect wisely: Free Wi-Fi is great, but beware of connecting to public networks that are available at airports, restaurants and stores. You don't know who set them up or who is connecting to them. When possible, only connect to networks you trust.

STUDENT AGENCY

Encourage self-regulation.

- Talk to kids about the connection between bodies and brains and what happens in their bodies when they feel frustrated, excited, or sad. This awareness helps kids recognize and manage their emotions. If you have other devices in your house, keep them out of your kid's workspace if possible. This can also mean shutting down phones, keeping phones in a designated place for the day, and putting away remotes if temptation takes over.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

- I am always improving.
- I drop my shoulders. I take a few breaths. I can handle this.
- Our school monitors help us because they care about us!
- I do my best because doing less is a waste of my own time and potential.

SAFETY

Parents it has been really cold these past few weeks. If you could make sure your child has a jacket and warm clothing. Sometimes kids are freezing at recess or waiting for the bell to ring. In addition please remember to not park in the bus loading bay. Its very dangerous to cross path with the school the school bus.

MYD

Adhering to the MAKE YOUR DAY philosophy of learning by making mistakes, students are not expected to earn all possible points in order to "make their day." If a child earns the required average number of points by the end of the school day, that child has made his/her day.

- Students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grades earn an average of 10 points
- Students in 4th through 8th Grades earn an average of 40 points

Students in grades K-3 may choose not to earn up to 7 points and will still be able to "make their day", while the students in grades 4-8 may choose not to earn up to 10 points and will still be able to "make their day". However, those students who choose to be placed on Steps 4 or 5 automatically forfeit the opportunity to "make their day."

PBL HIGHLIGHT

First Graders completed a Roller Coaster project depicting the effects of gravity on falling objects. Experiments were analyzed and discussion was held on which common items would fall most quickly to the floor - a bar of soap, a paper clip, a rubber band, or marbles. Great Science Fun in First Grade!

UPCOMING DATES

- 2/3 Roving Chef (1st Session)
- 2/14 Governing Board Meeting
- 2/15 PTSA Peter Piper Pizza Fund-raiser 4:30pm—8:00pm
- 2/17 & 2/20 No School—President's Day Recess
- 2/22 PTSA \$1 Dress Down
- 2/24 Roving Chef (2nd Session)
- 2/27— 3/10 Scholastic Book Fair



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