Quote of the Week: “Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance.”
Samuel Johnson- Growth Mindset Quotes

Vision
In our quest to become a school of distinction, it is important that we build a well-balanced program. The STEM focus is aligned with our goal to be more project-based so that all students are engaged at high levels. Teachers please check you google folder for updates on STEM Expo timeline.

Teaching & Learning
Attendance
● We had 283 students earn their perfect attendance bracelets for Nov. **We hit 333 students for Dec.! We are so proud of our families!**
  Every prize gets better and better! January Perfect Attendance Stars will have a **VIP Party.** Below are other attendance reminders:
  ● An attendance message goes out each day. **Parents**- please call the school if your child is sick so that we can change the attendance to excused. **Teachers**- please take attendance by 10:00 am.
  ● Although we mark sick days as excused, the state monitors excused and unexcused absences. A student is considered truant if they are absent more than 4 days in one month and 10 days for the year. 18 absences for the year is considered chronically absent.
  ● **Holiday vacations are unexcused absences.**

Socioemotional Wellness
We began our rollout of rethink Ed to support with our socioemotional goal. During your prep, please spend time watching the PD video so that you are prepared for our first Morning Meeting lessons next week. **This week we are focusing on Self-Management/Self-Control.** Thank you for your feedback about the National Anthem. I appreciate it.

Extended Day
1) The 5th Grade Carver Program is moving along smoothly! Students **must maintain excellent attendance** to keep their seat.

2) Students in grades 3-4 will have the opportunity to attend our annual SBAC College & Career Program. The program will begin in late February and run through April ❏ Stay tuned!

3) We will have the Springboard Summer Program again this summer. The **anticipated dates** are June 17th- August 2nd, Mon.-Fri (8-1). Students who are required, are mandated to attend, but just as last year, we will have seats to invite more students. **Plan your vacation around the identified dates.**
**Community Engagement**

- Our next SGC (6:00pm) and PTA (7:00pm) meetings will be on Thursday, February 21st. The PTA has a new and improved agenda where everyone begins together and breaks into groups based on language needs. We want all of our families to feel valued. A light dinner will be provided. There was great attendance last month and important decisions were made. The SGC will focus on the mid-year School Improvement outcomes.
- Fridays are School Spirit Fridays! Everyone is encouraged to wear Cougar Gear or all blue! Please purchase your Cougar Gear!

**Safety & Security**

Thank you so much for your cooperation with drop-off and pick-up. Many parents are parking in the handicap, fire, or drop off spaces. This is very dangerous. Moving forward, parents who need to go beyond the main office in the mornings will need to wait until the Security Officer completes his scan of the outside area. Next month we will focus on the dismissal process. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson for her feedback.

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<td>1) Mrs. Harry for being such a strong parent partner. Her presentation to a potential funder was moving. 2) Ms. Franco for always going above and beyond: PTA, Leadership Team, and awesome teacher. 3) Congrats to the 26 staff members with Perfect Attendance for December. You will receive an extended lunch next week. Please sign up with Ramona after receiving your Congratulations Flyer</td>
<td>Jan. 30th, 31st- PBIS Assemblies  Feb. 8th, <strong>A Day of Love and Celebration</strong>  1) January Student Perfect Attendance VIP Breakfast 8:30 am 2) Special Presentation from Local Gymnastics Team: K-2 at 9:30, 3-5 at 10:25 3) Sweetest Dance (6:30)  Feb. 27th- STEM Expo Classroom Winners Announced  Feb. 14th, 15th, 18th – No School  Feb. 21st- PTA/SGC</td>
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Note: Please check the Staff Calendar for info. About Data Team Meetings and District PD Dates

The School Store is OPEN, but students must be to school by 8:45 to participate!

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