“College & Career Begins at Kendall”

*Quote of the Week:* “I don’t focus on what I’m up against. I focus on my goals and I try to ignore the rest.” – Venus Williams

*Vision*
Each student started the school year by creating a vision statement. As students go through their week it is important that they be reminded of what they are working towards.

*Teaching & Learning*

*Technology*
In and out of school technology should be monitored carefully. Students should have a clear understanding of the expectations. During school, technology is primarily used for intervention block and as a tool to support 21st Century skills. At home, please be aware that students can be exposed to inappropriate language and messages on YouTube and video games.

*Attendance*
Please ensure that your child is at school every day! The doors open at 8:35 and students should be seated and ready to learn by 8:50. *Every child with perfect attendance during the month of October will receive a raffle ticket for fun prizes.*

*Interventions*
Parents, we did not forget about you. Please expect a parent communication identifying how to use the reading and math tools from home.

*SIOP*
Teachers and parents can schedule a meeting with Mrs. Asmani if they have questions about how SIOP (Sheltered, Instruction, Observation Protocol) can be used to better engage students. Teachers, please access the PADLET to share ideas: [https://padlet.com/bakerz/7zl1lxckzgpp](https://padlet.com/bakerz/7zl1lxckzgpp). Every classroom should have a daily content objective for ELA and Math. The job description for the coach is attached to the staff email.

*Extended Day*
- The Leadership and Critical Thinking Morning Boot Camp for 2nd-4th graders is a FREE Program focused on nutrition and wellness. We still have space if students are still interested in joining. Please submit the permission slip. Only registered students can attend. Students must be dropped off between 7:30 and 7:35.
- The first week in January, the Carver Center will begin an exclusive Academic Middle School Transition Program for 5th grade students at Kendall. The program will run three days a week and it is free. Students will be invited to attend and registration will begin next month. Stay tuned 😊

*Homework*
Homework should be a brief review that students can do independently. If students get home and they cannot do homework without assistance, it is okay for them to write questions or a note to their teacher explaining that they did not understand. Please encourage students to do their best.
PPTs
Planning and Placement team Meetings are important so that we have an appropriate plan for students who have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan), or who a member of our community suspects may require an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). In general, a student should go through the SRBI (Scientific Research Based Interventions) process before going into the PPT process. This allows educators and parents the chance to target and track the concern and document supports. When there is a PPT scheduled for whatever reason, it is important that 1) parents call the school if they have questions or need to reschedule 2) teachers complete the information form and submit it to the case manager well in advance. The form must be neat, objective, and data-driven. Mrs. Carmody will share samples.

Community Engagement
- Our next SGC (5:45pm) and PTA (7:00pm) meetings will be on Nov. 8th. Our first meetings were a huge success. Minutes from the SGC Meeting will be available on the website by the end of the week. During the next PTA Meeting the special education and school counseling team will present on their supports.
- Fridays are School Spirit Fridays! Everyone is encouraged to wear Cougar Gear or all blue!
- This week and next week I am doing school culture check-ins with a number of staff members, students, and parents. The goal is to better understand how people are feeling about the school and to get feedback on how to improve. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please email me. Feedback from staff so far: Create a communication flowchart so that everyone knows who to go to for what, intentional culture building activities (in and out of school), focus on strengthening relationships between grade level teams, clarity around protocols for SRBI and discipline, follow-through communication when there is a concern.

Safety & Security
- All visitors, including parents, must present their ID when entering past the Main Office.
- All volunteers must be cleared through the District’s Volunteer Process.
- No students will be permitted to change their dismissal plan, unless it is shared in writing or it has been cleared by an administrator.
- Please do not park in the drop-off lane.
- Please do not pick up students during the last 15 minutes of the day. It interrupts the dismissal routine.

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<td>Nov. 5th- School Improvement Plan &amp; Goal Setting</td>
<td>1) The PTA, but especially Karen Cruz and Michelle Robinson, who spent many hours at the school coordinating</td>
<td>Oct. 31st- Magic Day! Students can come dressed as a person or character who inspires them. No masks are allowed. In the classroom, students will consider ways that we make “magic” by thinking critically.</td>
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<td>Nov. 12th- Trauma Informed-Care Steering Committees</td>
<td>2) Ramona Matias, who held down the office in Ms. Kubelle’s absence. Welcome back Ms. Kubelle!</td>
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<td>Note: Please check the Staff Calendar for info. About Data Team Meetings and District PD Dates</td>
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In general, the bulletin will be sent out electronically weekly. Parents, please make sure that we have a current email address in PowerSchool so that you continue to receive this communication.

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