“College & Career Begins at Kendall”

Quote of the Week: “Our heritage and ideals, our code and standards - the things we live by and teach our children - are preserved or diminished by how freely we exchange ideas and feelings.” -- Walt Disney

Vision
We celebrate being a “diverse school community”. Hispanic Heritage Month runs until October 15th! How can we celebrate our diverse community? The link below is to a website that offers ideas for instruction https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/classroom/articles.

Teaching & Learning

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. Attendance letters will go out this week. Every child with perfect attendance during the month of October will receive a raffle ticket for fun prizes.

Interventions
Data Team Meetings this week and next week will focus on reading intervention. A parent communication will go out by October 22nd 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. Every classroom should have a daily content objective for ELA and Math.

Extended Day
- The after school six week Enrichment Program is open to the school community.
- The Leadership and Critical Thinking Morning Boot Camp for 2nd-4th graders is a FREE Program focused on nutrition and wellness.

Permission slips went home last week for Enrichment. Boot Camp will go home this week and students are taken on a first come first served basis. The confirmation of participation will go home in the Communication Folder! Programs begin on October 22nd.

Homework
Homework should be a brief review that students can do independently. If students get home and 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.

Leadership Opportunity
We are recruiting a second SRBI Coordinator. Teachers who are interested should see Mrs. Carmody.
**Community Engagement**

- Our first SGC (5:45pm) and PTA (7:00pm) Meetings will be on October 11th.
- Typically Fridays are School Spirit Fridays! Everyone is encouraged to wear Cougar Gear or all blue!
- Please email Mrs. Baker if you have a recommendation for a Community rep for the School Governance Council.

**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 pick up students during the last 15 minutes of the day. It interrupts the dismissal routine.

**Staff Professional Development**

Oct. 8th- Trauma Informed Care
Oct. 15th- School Improvement Plan
Oct. 22nd- Compass Learning (Optional Afterschool)

**Shout-outs**

Ms. Koletar and Ms. Wall for organizing The Great Debate! Please see the pic above of our excited students.

The names of parent reps will be shared later on this week! Parent reps received an email from me. If you expressed interest and did not receive an email, please email me ASAP.

**Looking Ahead**

Oct. 5th- Picture Day
Oct. 9th- Rio Dinner Night
Oct. 11th- SGC (5:45) & PTA Meeting (7:00)
Oct. 26th- Harvest Dance (7-9)
Nov. 2nd- Movie Night
Nov. 6th- No School
Nov. 8th-6:30 Special Education Open House
Nov. 8th- SGC (5:45) & PTA Meeting (7:00)
Nov. 16th- Lego/STEM Night

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.