Quote of the Week:
“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”-- Helen Keller

Vision in Action around the School!

The center pic is of Grade One students drawing about what they want to do when they grow up!

**Vision**

**Teaching & Learning**

**Attendance**
- We had 260 students earn their perfect attendance bracelet for November. Every prize gets better and better! 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.

**Technology**
- Parents, if you do not have Wi-Fi at home, but you have a tablet for your child to use. We can schedule an appointment to download our reading app so that your student can still take advantage of the reading program myON. Please email matiasr@norwalkps.org if you want more information.
- Parent Conferences are a great time for parents to get clarity about how to use online programs. With the holidays approaching, it is essential that there are meaningful options at home. Shout-out to Mrs. Kruseski’s Class who has the highest at home reading usage for myON.

**Extended Day**
1) 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 during the week of Dec. 10th. Stay tuned!
2) Students in grades 3-4 will have the opportunity to attend our annual SBAC College & Career Program. The program will begin in February and run through April. Stay tuned!

**Holiday Fun**
1) We want to ensure that all of our families feel respected as we celebrate the holidays. Staff- please be mindful of the diversity of our school as you plan activities and events. It is a great idea to have students share how they celebrate.
2) Celebrations should be tied as closely as possible to the curriculum and the schedule. Grade Five and Grade One did wonderful activities last year that were linked.
3) Please remember the district’s Wellness Policy around food.
4) Holiday vacations are unexcused absences.
Community Engagement

- Our next SGC (6:00pm) and PTA (7:00pm) meetings will be on **Wednesday** Dec. 12th (This is a change in day because of Conference Night). The PTA will have 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.
- The SGC started a task force to design a Dream Plan for Kendall, which is our vision for the school if resources were not a barrier. Please email be if you are interested in creating a plan with this focus question in mind: *What would it take to close the achievement gap?*
- 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. If you have ideas or questions, please reach out to Mr. Daniello, our teacher rep on the district Safety Committee.

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