Kendall Elementary School Bulletin - March 18th

“College & Career Begins at Kendall”

Quote of the Week: ""Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.” - Golda Meir

Grade Four and Grade Two STEM Superstars

Vision

Happy Women’s History Month! Build time into your instructional plan to celebrate successful women. Below is a link to a website that offers ideas.


Teaching & Learning

Attendance

- There were 301 Perfect Attendance Superstars for February. Students should not come to school if they are sick, but vacations should occur when there is no school. Perfect Attendance Stars will get a coupon to the school store this Wednesday!!!!!! March Attendance Superstars will have a VIP Recess Block!

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.

- Students with 10 or more days had letters go home recently.

Social and emotional Wellness

Last week was the last week for the AWARENESS OF SELF AND OTHERS: Growth Mindset Rethink Ed Lessons. If you did not cover the topics, please focus on the lessons during Morning Meeting this week. Technically, this week is your planning week for Self-Awareness, Self-management

Extended Day

1) Students in grades 3-4 who submitted SBAC College & Career Program Permission Slips received invitation letters. The program will begin on March 19th.

2) The Grade Two Tutoring Program begins March 19th. Invitations went home. We hope to open up more seats soon.

3) We will have the Springboard Summer Program again this summer. The official dates are July 8th- August 9th, Mon.-Fri (8-1). Students who are required, must attend, but just as last year, we will have seats to invite more students. Plan your vacation around the identified dates.

4) SPARK- We are in the process of trying to plan for the SPARK Summer Program. More information is to come for those students in grades k-2 who have already been identified.
Community Engagement

- **Climate Survey** - We are at 100% with Staff Participation on the Climate Survey. Teachers in grades 3-5, please have students take their survey by Wednesday of this week. **Parents** - last year your participation was only approximately 22%. We are now at 40%, but we know that we can climb higher! Help us have the highest growth in the district. We need to hear your perspective! The class with the highest parent participation will win a prize. Ms. Franco is taking appointments to help parents who need a computer and support completing the form. The directions are as follows: **STEP 1:** [https://kes.norwalkps.org/](https://kes.norwalkps.org/), **STEP 2:** Click on the tab “PARENTS”

- Please remember that there are restrictions around food for celebrations during the school day. The link below is to the full wellness policy. Teachers, please reference the Staff Handbook. [https://www.norwalkps.org/kr/One.aspx?objectId=31761793&contextId=264228&lastCat=3266395](https://www.norwalkps.org/kr/One.aspx?objectId=31761793&contextId=264228&lastCat=3266395)

- Our school will be honored at the next Board of Education Meeting for acquiring Distinction Status. Please try to attend with your Kendall Gear on. This is a huge celebration for our school community! **March 19th at 7:00 pm at City Hall. We will be celebrated at the beginning of the ceremony, so please get there early.** There will be refreshments at 6:30. Staff, please email me separately if you plan to attend.

- There will be no PTA Meeting this month due to conferences.

Safety & Security

Thank you so much for your cooperation with drop-off and pick-up. In the mornings, please do not leave your children early—especially in the cold weather. The doors do not open until 8:35 am so that teachers have the chance to prepare for the day. Students are not supervised before that time.

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| March- 25th- Go Math         | 1) Mrs. Ortegon and Ms. Scicchitano for supporting their STEM Superstars on Saturday  
2) Mrs. Syed for being one of many parents to support at the STEM Expo | March 21st. Conferences (1:55 Dismissal)  
March 22- International Dinner  
April 4th- Skyzone (PTA)  
April 10th- Pump It Up (PTA)  
April 12th- Career Day Events  
April 15th-19th- Spring Break |
| April 1- Springboard         |            |               |
| April 8- Rethink Ed Planning/Social and Emotional Wellness |            |               |
| April 22- Vision in Action Week 1Planning |            |               |

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. Coming soon, students can earn coupons to the store by living by the “Cougar Code”!

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