Quote of the Week: "Every moment wasted looking back keeps us from moving forward." -- Hillary Clinton

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

- **Students should not come to school if they are sick, but vacations should occur when there is no school.** February Perfect Attendance Stars will get a coupon to the school store!!!!!!
  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

- The team who went to Restorative Practices Training had great takeaways. The concept of Restorative/Thinking Circles is one area that we will receive training on as a school community.
  - **PBIS Reset- March 12th-March 15th (New Dates) will be PBIS Reset Week.** Each day the school community will focus on re-teaching expectations throughout the building. More info. to come from the PBIS Steering Committee.

Extended Day

1) Students in grades 3-4 will have the opportunity to attend our annual SBAC College & Career Program. The program will begin on March 18th. Applications went out last week. Students will receive an invitation to confirm their acceptance!

2) Grade two students who need additional support acquiring their reading and math goals will have the opportunity to receive additional tutoring after school. There are limited spaces. Invitations went out from Grade Two Teachers based on their recommendation. 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, 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

- **Climate Survey-** Teachers will have the chance to take the Climate Survey on March 11th. Students will take the survey during the week of March 18th. **Parents- last year your participation was only approximately 22%. 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/, STEP 2: Click on the tab “PARENTS”

- Our next SGC (6:00pm) meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th. The PTA will not have a March meeting due to Conference Night.
- Fridays are School Spirit Fridays! Everyone is encouraged to wear Cougar Gear or all blue! Please purchase your Cougar Gear!
- 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

**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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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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