“College & Career Begins at Kendall”

Quote of the Week: “Everything else is irrelevant after the bliss of giving a perfect shot.” -- Prabhas

Dr. Beckley playing against former Kendall student, who is one of the Norwalk High’s Lady Bears State Champions

Vision
School of Distinction- Last Tuesday, Kendall was recognized by the Board of Education for our School of Distinction Status. Superintendent Adamowski noted that “Kendall has the highest growth in ELA in the state that we know of.” We also moved from a Category 3 to a Category 2 school. We are now focused on moving to a Category 1 school and becoming a School of Distinction for ELA and Math growth. Please join us at the next PTA Meeting for a brief presentation about what parents can do to support growth.

Teaching & Learning

Attendance
- There were 293 Perfect Attendance Superstars for March. 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 VIP Recess Block after vacation!!!!!!!
- 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
Over the next few school weeks the PBIS Team will be reviewing your feedback on rethink ED. Parents, do your students come home and discuss what they learn during Morning Meeting? Teachers, do you notice a difference in how students engage through the day as a result of lessons. Please continue with the program with fidelity. Reps from the team will join me on walkthroughs so that we can see what it looks like in action.

Extended Day
1) Students in Grades 3-4 who are participating in the SBAC College & Career Program must attend daily. The program will end on May 2nd.
2) 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.
3) 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.
• **STUDENTS AND STAFF** should wear COLLEGE or CAREER Gear this Friday.

• **Climate Survey** - Parents, please help us get to 50% by Thursday. *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)

• Parent Conferences - If any parent missed their parent conference, please work to have those conference rescheduled. Please reach out to Mrs. Matias for support.

### 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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| April 8- Above the Bar Grant Presentation | 1) Mrs. Ortegon for her understanding about transitioning a student in need to her classroom. Communication over the situation was not great and she was very understanding. 2) Everyone who has shared honest and respectful feedback about a possible transition to an extended school year/year-round school experience | April 10th- SGC Training  
April 11th- PTA Meeting: 7:00  
April 12th- Career Day Events  
April 15th-19th- Spring Break |
| April 22- Vision in Action Week Planning/Rethink ED | 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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