Quote of the Week: “The combined results of several people working together is often much more effective than could be that of an individual scientist working alone.” --John Bardeen (Only person to receive a Noble Peace Prize twice for physics)

Mayor Rilling presenting during Career Day Dr. Beckley’s students dressed in college gear

Vision
Above the Bar Grant- This opportunity would make it possible for Kendall to have a project-based learning curriculum with a focus on enrichment and social-emotional wellness! In addition, there would be an extended day, which would include an afterschool enrichment program for all students, and an extended school year plan built into the calendar. The Above the Bar grant would give our school substantial additional funding, allowing us to provide enhanced academic, arts, and health and wellness programs to support our students and families. There will be a parent meeting next week tentatively scheduled for May 1st. I will confirm once I get a confirmation of the Superintendent or designees attendance.

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 next week!!!!!!
   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.

Community Engagement
- 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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