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Parent Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday break!

SCANTRON and STAR Winter Screenings

Pre-Kindergarten-5th grade students will be administered the Winter Universal Screening of the STAR Early Literacy and STAR Reading beginning January 8th through February 7th. In addition, 3rd-5th grade students will be administered the Winter Universal Screening for the Scantron Performance Series beginning January 14th through February 2nd. These assessments are extremely important, and we want all of our students to performance at their very best. Please discuss the importance of taking all assessments seriously with your child. Also, remind students to go to bed at a reasonable time during the school week. Brain food promotes better performance; therefore, we encourage students to start the day off with breakfast. Breakfast is served from 7:30 AM until 8:00 AM.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Research has shown that children do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent/teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. A parent/teacher conference is a great opportunity to start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher, learn how to help your child do their best in school, and keeps you informed of your child progress both academically and behaviorally. If you have not met with your child's teacher this school year, it's not too late. Contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers are still holding partnership conferences with parents.

SECOND QUARTER HONORS ASSEMBLY

Our Honors Assembly will be held Thursday, January 17th. Students in PreK through second grades, and Mrs. Jones' class, will be honored at 9:00 AM. Third through fifth grade students will be honored at 10:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Arriving to school on time is extremely important if we want our children to excel academically. We have a large number of students who arrive to school after the tardy bell sounds. Instruction begins at 8:00 AM. When your child arrives to school late, he/she misses at least 10 minutes of instruction. Ten minutes may not seem like a lot, but every minute counts during instruction.

NOTIFICATION IN HOW YOUR CHILD GETS HOME

Notification of changes in how your child should go home will no longer be accepted over the phone. Notice of a change should be in writing or sent via email to your child's teacher or Ms. Smither (rsmith@mcps.com).

Upcoming Events:

- Third Quarter begins- Jan. 7th
- Report Cards Go Home- Jan. 14th
- Quarter 2 Honors Assembly- Jan. 17th (start times are listed above)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No School)- Jan. 21st
- National School Counselors Week- Feb. 4th-8th
- Mid-Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home- Feb. 6th

