



P.S. 133Q

"Lights Up Your Mind"



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P.S. 133 Students and Families,

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I hope everyone enjoyed a restful, relaxing and refueling mid-winter recess with your friends and family. As March begins, the end of Marking Period 2 comes to an end, while providing all families the opportunity to speak to their child's teachers on March 9th during Parent-Teacher Conferences. During these conversations, teachers will be able to share the journey your child has been on since September, as well as the areas for improvement planned to support through June, as each student continues on their individual pathway, achieving to their greatest potential.

As a staff, we are continuing to hold students accountable for utilizing grade-level vocabulary within conversations that take place within the classroom. Additionally, we have an enhanced focus on ensuring all students have the tools needed to read and write, while providing multi-tiered systems of supports to assist student achievement along the way. We continue to have our students take ownership over their learning, as we ask them to speak to what they need to work on, what they are doing well, while setting goals for themselves as they work to continue to improve academically, socially and emotionally. We are excited about the progress each student has the potential to make throughout March, as we have no school days off!

Safety and traffic continue to be priority one that I believe we can all do a lot better with at P.S. 133. When dropping off and picking up your child, please do not double park, illegally park or conduct any other activity that may impact the safety of our children. The 105^{pct} will be having an enhanced presence at P.S. 133 throughout the month of March as the safety of our children has been deemed a concern, and they will be giving out citations and having conversations with those who do not obey the traffic law as needed. If you have any suggestions about how to improve the traffic around our building, please reach out to me directly.

Attendance is critical to the academic, social and emotional success of all students in the elementary school setting. While we want to ensure those students who are sick stay home, students need to be in school on as a consistent basis as possible in order to achieve at their highest level possible. There is a direct correlation between student achievement and student attendance, both positively and negatively, so please ensure you are making appointments for your child outside the school day, traveling during the holiday breaks, and avoiding your child missing school as much as possible. Again, if you have any questions about your child's attendance, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

No school days off in March, so as always, there is a lot going on at P.S. 133:

- 3/2 – National Read Across America Day!
- 3/3 – Canyon Creek portal opens for families (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 3/6 – 3/10 - Civics Week!
- 3/9 – Parent Teacher Conferences (12:20pm-2:20pm, 4:30pm-7:30pm)
- 3/10 – Marking Period 2 Ends
- 3/13 – 3/17 – March MATHness
- 3/14 – Mathematics Family Engagement – 2:30pm
- 3/21 – 3K/PreK Family Engagement "Let's Get Talking" – 2:30pm
- 3/21 – Family Fitness Night – All Grades (3:00pm-5:00pm)
- 3/22 – CARES Assemblies
- 3/23 – Marking Period 2 Report Cards – Available Digitally
- 3/27 – 3/31 – Computer Science Week AGAIN!
- 3/28 – CS "Lucky Coders" Family Engagement – 2:30pm
- 3/31 – A Night of Music and Dance – 5:00pm

This month's **SLT** meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th at 5:30pm in our Library, while our **PTA** meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00pm.

I will host a virtual **Coffee and Conversation** on Friday, March 17th at 9:00am for any family members interested. A link will be sent out from our school e-mail account. If this time does not work for your schedule, but you would still like to meet in person, please reach out so we can schedule an alternative time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support of our entire school community.

Sincerely,
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