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"A community school committed to academic and personal excellence for all students"

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Dear P.S. 307 Families:

We are approaching the mid-school year mark and how quickly it is going. Before you know it, you will once again be sitting with your child as they present their learning at our Student-Led Conferences, March 9th. The new term begins on February 10th so now is a good time to take a pulse on how your child is feeling about their academic progress.

Student Government

Speaking of progress, our Student Government has presented to me with a couple of initiatives that they want to begin working on to improve the culture of our school. While making sure they were heard was important to me, so too was their awareness of the massive responsibility they hold as leaders and representatives of the community. I wanted them to know that being a leader, while it could possibly be "fun", was hard work and a huge commitment.

Among the desires expressed, was a talent show, movie day for good attendance, a change in the lunch menu, and a stage set committee. While the talent show and movie day are things within my power, a change in the lunch menu would take more than a request from the Principal. I suggested they talk to the people involved in preparing their lunch first. They were encouraged to talk to Mr. Moreini (Muffin Man) and to reach out to DOE School Food. I told them that they should use their voice and not feel limited. In fact, they could even write to Chancellor Farina on behalf of the student body. There is enormous opportunity for learning involved. They may not get what they want, such as a revamped lunch menu, however, they will learn how to become socially conscious and to develop the skills needed to advocate for themselves and their community.

Open Houses

Our open houses continue to be well-attended. I remember that as a parent looking for the ideal school for my child, it was important to me to hear from fellow parents whose children attended the school. If you are interested in attending any one of our open houses to share your story, please let us know. We gladly welcome the voice of our families.

STEM

A major reason for families selecting our school is our commitment to an education that incorporates STEM. STEM is not just teaching science, technology, engineering, and math.

"Incorporating STEM into the curriculum STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education involves the transdisciplinary integration of science, mathematics, engineering, and the meaningful integration of technology to provide opportunities for project-based learning and innovative problem solving. Using the

engineering design process, students identify problems, develop and test possible solutions, and ultimately reach a solution. The integration of mathematics, science, and engineering practices used in conjunction with digital literacy and citizenship will help students recognize and use the variety of perspectives that will help them to become successful, complex problem solvers and conscientious global citizens.” – Principal’s Weekly 1.25.17

As I read into this, I understand that the social-emotional learning and development is a critical component of this process and cannot be emphasized enough. Therefore, when communicating with your children and their teachers, feel free to look for how these opportunities enhance students’ overall STEM experiences.

Diamonds Cheerleading

The Dynamic Diamonds have met their financial assistance goal and are ready to travel to Orlando to compete in the UCA Championship on February 11th and 12th. On February 13th, we will host a homecoming at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in giving a cheerful welcome back to Ms. Tracy Dickerson and the Diamonds, confetti and all!

Lastly, I have some wonderful news to share about our library. As you know, our library has been open and we have brand new desktops. While we had hoped to completely renovate the library, our budget only allowed us to purchase a few furniture items and get a fresh coat of paint. Just last week, I received a visit from the School Construction Authority notifying me that we have received funding through Councilman Stephen Levin and that we are getting a full renovation of our library!!!! Draft plans are being sketched as we speak and the work will likely begin in early summer. This is a long overdue upgrade and we are very grateful. We will keep you updated.

Thank you always for choosing P.S. 307 and please continue to visit us at ps307.com for all things P.S. 307.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Carroll
Principal