



# Parent Update E- Newsletter

January 21, 2016  
*Remaining Instructional Days of  
the month: 6*

### **Theory of Action:**

*If we **plan** strategically to intellectually **engage** our students via the use of varied data-based **strategies**, along with promoting **student ownership** of the learning process, then we can tailor instruction to meet the **individual needs** of students to demonstrate **mastery of standards**.*

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am confident that we are moving forward every day, *together* as a community. We are always striving for excellence. Things may not always be perfect but I, we as a team, will continue to always monitor and revise plans with the best interests of our students.

Together, I believe that we **can and will** achieve excellence!

~Michelle

### **Celebrations!!**

- Ms. Caffrey, our third grade teacher, has brought a beautiful healthy baby girl into our world! Both mommy and baby are healthy, happy and getting to know each other.

- We have purchased and received a Social Emotional Learning Program! We have collectively decided to implement “**Second Step**”. Our teachers are becoming familiar with the curriculum and are creating a scope and sequence for the year. We will be sending home literature to explain the program and strengthen our home-school connection.
- We have an ART Teacher! Please welcome Ms. Meltsner to our community. She is a certified teacher and has a love for art! She has been teaching for over ten years within the NYCDOE. She will begin effective Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with observing the classes and getting to know our curriculum and students. More information will be forthcoming.

### **Instruction**

- Our School-Wide Progress Reports have been sent home via backpack as of January 21st. The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of where your child falls academically towards meeting grade standards. Please reach out to the classroom teacher if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss your child’s academic functioning in more detail.
- **Mid-Year check in-** There will be a Town Hall meeting on **Tuesday January 26th at 5:45 p.m.** to share our overall school data and action plan:
  - What we have done
  - Where we are now
  - What our next steps are

### **Announcements**

#### **Parent Engagement:**

Please continue to utilize our parent

engagement alternate time on Tuesdays from 7:55-8:30 a.m. If you are unable to meet during this time contact us via telephone for a modified meeting time.

**Attendance:**

Our school wide attendance goal is **98%**. Our attendance declined from November to December. Our overall attendance was **95.2%** for the month. *Showing up counts!*

Please stop by to see our class attendance bulletin board in the main lobby and celebrate our students who have **100%** attendance.

<b>Coming Up Soon!</b>
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PA General meeting – **Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 5:45 p.m.

Our fourth **Parents as Learning Partners** event will be January 29th from 8:45-9:30 a.m. We ask that parents wait until classes have gone up and have had a chance to unpack and settle before going to classrooms. An announcement will be made when it is time to go to classrooms.

**School Closed** – Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Happy Lunar New Year!

**School Closed** - Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for mid-Winter Break.

*Spring Student Led Conferences* will be held Wednesday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the evening and Thursday, **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the afternoon.