

January's Newsletter



Happy New Year and Welcome back to Benjamin Davis!

What a wonderful 2017 school year we had and I anticipate nothing less going into 2018. I hope over the break, you were able to relax and partake in some memorable activities with family and friends. Over the break, I spent time reflecting upon the wonders of the New Year and student growth. I'm proud to say that our students here at Benjamin Davis have grown immensely (socially and academically) the first half of the school year and we will keep those same expectations as we move forward into second semester.

As principal, I take pride in forming relationships with students and visiting classrooms. I get fired up when I see students who are actively engaged in activities and excited about learning. That comes from the hard work and dedication of our teachers. Our New Year's resolution is to continue to give our students 100%.

Although the weather has been a little tricky, make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the outside. Students may go outside for recess or break and we want them to be warm. We have tons of coats in "**Lost and Found**". If your child is missing a coat, it's probably here in our lost and found area.

As we look ahead to the month of January, things will remain the same except for Wonderful Wednesday, Drama Club, and 1st grade fact fluency and spelling tests. We will change WW groups. Students will no longer have the class he/she had first semester. However, the students will have a class he/she signed up for at the beginning of the year. We are still working on the placement of students.

First semester, our 1st grade students had an opportunity to participate after school in the Drama Club. This semester, 2nd grade students will have the same opportunity. Information should be coming home soon. A lot of first grade skills were introduced 1st semester. 2nd semester, our goal is to master those skills. In math, 1st grade students will begin fact fluency tests and begin to use known strategies to work on fact families and in base ten with two digit addition and subtraction. Also, first grade will have weekly spelling lists and words from the list will be tested on Fridays.

We've had several sick students over the last couple of months. Please keep your child at home if he/she has a fever of 100 degrees or higher, has diarrhea, or is vomiting. Make sure your child knows how important it is to wash his/her hands throughout the day. Good hand washing is the best tip for staying healthy. Also, if your child has any cuts or scrapes no matter how small, try to keep them covered with a band aid. If your child is absent, don't forget to send in an excuse or communicate directly with the school. A total of five unexcused absences will result in truancy court. Our health room is low on clothes. If you have any clothes (sizes 4-12), please consider giving them to our health room. We are running low. Thanks!

January's Important Dates:

- 1/10 - First Priority Club Meeting
- 1/15 - No School
- 1/16 - Spirit Night at Milos (starts at 4:00)
- 1/16 - GEMS Club Meeting until 4:30
- 1/18 - Girls Scout Meeting at 7:45 (cafeteria)
- 1/23- 100th Day of School
- 1/26 - Student of the Month Assembly (starts at 1:30)
- 1/26 - Dress Like A Snowman (Be Creative)
- 1/30 - WEEC Baptiste Class
- 1/31 - Wonderful Wednesday Starts Back
- 2/5-9 Coin Drive
- 2/8 - Ben Davis Got Talent!

Happy New Year!

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