



Student and Parent Newsletter January 17, 2023 Quarter 2 Week 18

Door opens at 7:50 AM for K-8
Tardy after 8:05 AM
Dismissal is at 3:35 PM for K-8

Support

Parents we are here to support you. We are always looking for ways to reach our students. In our quest, we have to remember that impossible is nothing and that we need to remain diligent in finding solutions to support our students. Please also know that you are never alone. Ms. Loyd our school social worker, Ms. Toney our Student Support Specialist, and Dr. Peart are here to support you with finding strategies, engaging, and having a listening ear. At DEPSA, all Pioneers are solution focused and solutions seekers. Please leverage us when you need to make the impossible, possible. Thank you and enjoy this week!

Homework Expectations

- Students are expected to complete homework by their classroom teacher.
- Reading (Read and Response) and Math (C3) homework can be accessed online and must be completed weekly.
- The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week.
- Homework will be checked EVERY DAY- thank you for helping your child build their work ethic by completing their homework every night.

Winter NWEA Testing

Winter Testing Schedule We are testing this week, with NWEA Reading. Parents, please ensure your child is in school every day, especially the days their class is testing. Keep preparing your child every day for testing: encouraging them to do their best and reviewing their goals for the Winter.

Dates- January 17-27

ANET Testing

Winter ANET Testing is approaching Jan. 23-27 please prepare students for all testing.

Important Dates

January 25- ½ Day for Students

January 27- End of Q2

February 15- ½ Day for Students

February 20-24- Mid Winter Break School Closed

Ways to support your child

- Demonstrate a positive attitude
- Ask your child questions and look through their bookbag/folders/cell phones
- Make sure your child completes their schoolwork and homework
- Communicate your child’s needs to his/her teacher
- Enroll your child into tutoring

Monthly PBIS Celebration

Students who continue to meet our behavior expectations will participate in our PBIS activity for January. Students can not have any suspensions during the month and not have served 3 or more detentions.



It is now a New Year and also the end of the Second Quarter! With this Quarter let’s create new goals as we continue to stay focused and make it an amazing year!

Safety and Behavior

We take academics and safety seriously. Staff remind students that they are required to meet the behavioral expectations of DEPSA. Students are expected to come to school prepared, focused, and ready to learn. Student must keep their hands to themselves and threats of any kind will not be tolerated. School personnel will enforce the code of conduct.

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- NWEA- January 17-20
- ANET- January 17-27
- M-STEP- April 17-May 19

Needs Assessment

Attention DEPSA Families. As we move toward re-opening our school-based health clinic (which is located inside the school); we are requesting your input. You will be receiving an updated needs assessment regarding areas of interest with regard to the health needs of our scholars and community.

The needs assessment should not take more than 10-15 minutes. Your responses will provide information so we can incorporate it into our school-based clinic.

The needs assessment will be delivered through Dean's List and will be repeated several times this week. Thank you for your participation.

Thank you

Needs Assessment Survey Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf153jYDKeZbnZWFMNTYWSYM274q2ZU1I_k5YUVOh_6cULrMA/viewform

DeansList

Get excited! Families will be able to check their students progress weekly by viewing the Parent Weekly Report sent through Deanslist.

Class Attendance and Grades

Class	Grade	Class Absences		Class Tardies	
		This Week	This Year	This Week	This Year
IB MYP Language & Literature R (7) - Per. P6 (K. Sykes)	68% (D)	0	3	0	2
IB MYP Language & Literature W (7) - Per. P7 (K. Sykes)		0	3	0	2
IB MYP Mathematics (7) - Per. P3 (K. Goida)		0	0	0	0
IB MYP Performing Arts (7) - Per. P1 (W. Haqq)	96% (A)	0	7	2	13
IB MYP Sciences (7) - Per. P3 (D. Open)	75% (C)	0	3	0	0
IB MYP Sciences (7) - Per. P5 (T. Hudson)	72% (C)	0	2	0	1
IB MYP Social Studies (7) - Per. P2 (Z. Wisniewski)	45% (F)	0	3	0	3
IB MYP Visual Arts (7) - Per. P4 (W. MCDOWELL)	88% (B)	0	3	0	0

Here's a short video you can review:

FAMILY PORTAL OVERVIEW

<https://youtu.be/LJWdExKmw7Q>

Uniform violations- sent daily at 4:00pm

3+ Positive Behaviors- sent on Thursday at 4:00pm

3+ Areas of Opportunities- sent on Friday at 4:00pm

Tutoring

Please be advised that tutoring will end for Q2 on January 26, 2023. We will start back for Quarter 3 in February, date forthcoming. Tutoring Parent survey will come home January 23, 2023, please complete and return. Tutoring progress reports will be coming home the week of January 26, 2023.

[Tutoring ends at 5:30PM. Parents are required to pick their child up by 5:30PM. After 2 late pick ups your child will not be able to participate in tutoring.](#)

If you are interested in signing your child up for tutoring please contact Mrs. Withers at gwithers@npfeschools.org

Grand Valley State Tutoring

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to partner with Grand Valley State University and the Skillman Foundation of Detroit.

The goal is to then match them with 1st and 2nd grade students who may need additional reading or math support. This is an opportunity for your students to spend 1:1 time with a trained literacy tutor focusing on phonics, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary.

- **Tutoring can occur Monday-Sunday between 4p-8p**
- **Students work with their tutor 3x a week for 45 minutes**
- **No materials are required other than a laptop or Chromebook**
- **A quiet space for tutoring in the home is preferred**

Chronic Absenteeism

Attendance Matters All Day Every Day!

Chronic absenteeism can cause poor grades and is defined as missing at least 10 percent (18 days) of days in a school year for any reason, including excused and unexcused absences. [Currently 40% of students have been identified as chronically absent per the state of Michigan.](#)

Every day counts as each days missed equals 7 hours of instructional time missed. We look forward to seeing ALL of our scholars on the first day back from the break (Jan. 2). Remember that 2 absences per month will cause a student to be Chronically Absent by the end of the school year. Please reach out to us with any questions, comments or concerns. Thank You and Be Well!

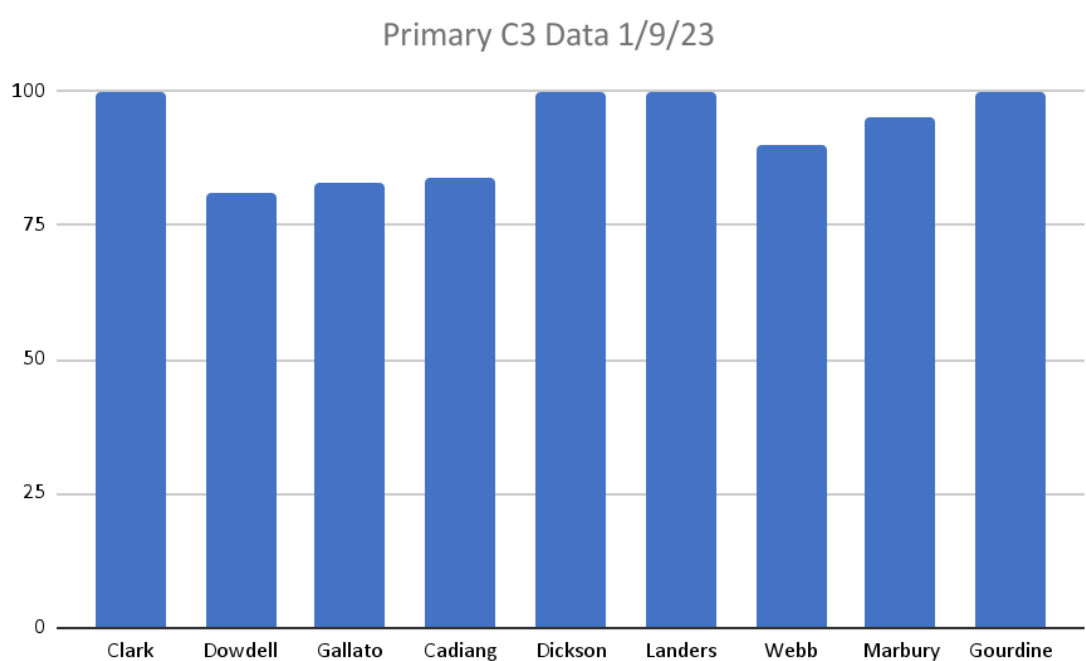
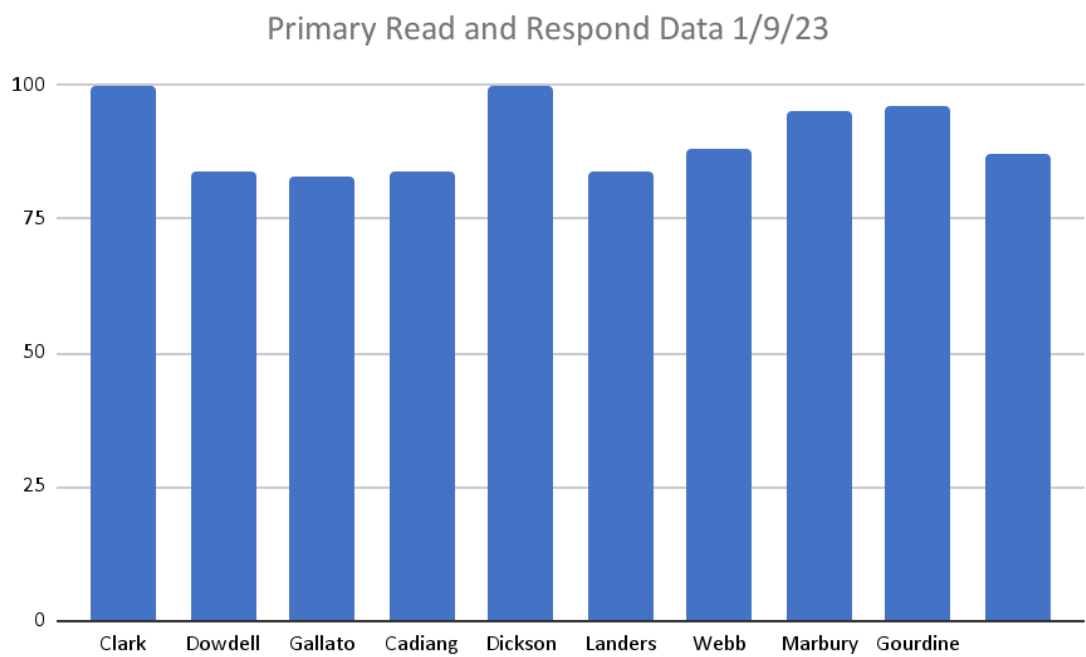
The number that we want to do our best to avoid is 15 (by the end of the year). If your child is currently below this number of absences, he or she can finish the year strong and not become Chronically Absent! If your child has exceeded this number for the year, it is critical that he/she is in school daily, on time. Remain diligent, we are here to support! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the school via email at the address listed below. If there is anything that we can support you with, or anything that you would like to inform us on. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

Read & Respond and C3 Homework

The expectation is for students to complete homework every night and to return every day for teacher feedback. Please make and take the time now to push students on expectations with quality of work and accountability with turning in every day. The goal is for each class to attain a 100% return rate on homework at the end of the week. Here are the results of last week's homework!

A big shout out to those classes below who had 90% or higher:

Clark, Dickson, Marbury, and Gourdine



Parent Tip

1. Keep distractions to a minimum. Students should find a quiet place to be able to complete their work.
2. Make sure students do their own work. Homework is reinforcement of the skills students are learning in school. Parents should make suggestions and help with directions.
3. Praise their efforts. Celebrate your child's effort and success. Post their grades up within your home.

Important:

- **Masks are required each and everyday for students as it a part of their uniforms**

Mission

New Paradigm for Education (NPFE) mission is to be a catalyst to grow and sustain high performing schools where scholars are empowered to be global citizens and lifelong learners.

Vision

Every student excels as an engaged thoughtful citizen by forging new pathways to contribute to their community.

Instructional Model



Our New Paradigm Instructional Model are the pillars for the work we do every day, to set high standards for our children. We focus on setting clear goals, making sure effective instruction takes place in our classroom, ensuring we are making data driven decisions, providing timely intervention as needed, and celebrating our progress.

NPFE Annual Goals

- **NWEA-** 60% or more of our students will meet their NWEA GOALS fall to spring targets in both reading and math
- **M-Step/PSAT-** proficiency will increase in both ELA and Math by 20% for grades 3-10

- **Attendance Goals-** Average daily attendance will be at 95% by June 2023; Chronic absenteeism will decrease by 15% in comparison to the 2021-2022 school year
- **Intervention-** Student usage will average 80% or higher during scheduled intervention time
- **Coaching Cycle-** Leaders will complete a minimum of 8 complete coaching cycles per teacher during the 2022-2023 school year.

Birthday Celebrations

**All Birthdays are ONLY to be celebrated on
FRIDAY'S**
