

### **Ready to Launch!**

Dear Mary W. Jackson Families,

March is here! As we embark on a new month in anticipation of Spring weather, we are excited to see our students at school every day! Every day at school is important and provides children with the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful and thrive. Regular attendance is key to ensuring optimal academic results. **Missing an average of 2 days a month in one school year is almost 100 hours of lost instructional time.** Non-attendance has a negative impact on:

- Academic success
- Social and emotional well-being
- College and work/career opportunities

We are continuing to focus on increasing consistent student attendance through varied supports. Please let us know how our school can best serve you and our community by sharing your thoughts and concerns.

### **New Staff**

We have a few new members join our Star Team: Ms. Sky Buckland, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Ms. Anna Fossey, Paraprofessional; Mrs. Jessica Castellon-Galarza, Student Support Assistant; Mrs. Rachel Sua' - Valdivia, School Secretary; and Mr. Eric Gomez- Head Custodian.

### **Facilities Update**

Our custodial and grounds crews are working hard to keep our campus clean and safe. Please help us with traffic safety by parking only in the designated parking slots and keep curbsides painted in red clear.

### **Community Engagement**

#### **School Community Council**

Thank you to all of those who joined our 4th School Community Council meeting. We discussed the importance of attendance, utility of indoor line up, and drop off and pick up procedures. Our February meeting was postponed due to the weather conditions, please join us on March 1 to provide feedback regarding next year's School Improvement Plan.

### **Parent Survey**

Thank you for completing the Parent Survey! We appreciate the feedback and will utilize it in our next steps to meet the needs of our community and most of all make every effort to keep students safe.

### **School Events**

- **March 1<sup>st</sup>: Hearing Screening and School Community Council Meeting 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**
- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Short Day, school ends @ 1:00**
- **March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Non-student Day**
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>: PTO Meeting 5:30-6:30**
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>: Ready to Launch Parent Collaboration Meeting 8:30am- 9:15am**
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>: School Community Council Meeting 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**
- **March 23: Utah Food Bank Mobile Pantry 2:30 pm -3:30 pm**
- **March 27- April 2: Spring Break, students return on April 3, Monday**

I am looking forward to connecting with you during our Ready to Launch Parent meeting. Please stop by and say hello. We will continue to provide Spanish and Arabic translation services for each of these events as we recognize the importance of working together to ensure our children are safe and continue to thrive and learn.

Warmest regards,

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