

**Week of December 11, 2023**

# STAFF NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL PLEDGE

Right now, today, this very moment, I am capable of giving myself, the gift of absolute self-assurance, self-belief, and powerful non-stop confidence in myself.



**“ TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE ”**

## MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY



Dear Parents,

Quarter 2 is well under way. It’s time for a quarter checkup on your child’s attendance. Researchers have looked at what happened when students missed as few as one day every two weeks. Here’s what they found: School absences add up. Kids who aren’t in school can’t learn what’s being taught. This includes late arrivals and early pickups.

Missing school becomes a habit. Children who miss a lot of school in kindergarten are still absent frequently in fifth grade.

There is a “clear and consistent relationship” between early attendance and later achievement. Kids who come to school in the early grades are still doing well in middle and high school.

How many days of school has your child missed? It’s not too late to get back on track So, he or she can have a successful school year—and school career.

Principal Dungey



DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
<b>Monday</b> 12/11	Read and Respond Goes Home Spelling words & Book Clubs go home! <b>Exact Path during intervention</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12/12 Reading Rally! All students 1-4 will hold up Read and Responds on the way to Reading !!!	<b>Exact Path during intervention</b> Tutoring 3:45-5:30
<b>Wednesday</b> 12/13 <b>Beat the Street Field Trip 9:30-12:30 5-8 all attend</b>	<b>Exact Path during intervention</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 12/14 Reading Rally!	<b>Last Day of Tutoring 3:45-5:30</b>
<b>Friday</b> 12/15	<b>Read and Respond Due!</b> Spelling Tests Turn in Book Clubs
UPCOMING	
12/19	International Day Projects are due!!
1 12/21	Holidays around the world Parents may join from 10:30-11:15 Winter Concert 1:30-3:00
12/22	<b>PD No School for students - CHANGE!!!!</b>
1/9	Return to School
1/15	No School MLK Day
1/31	Science Fair 3:00-4:30
2/28	Black History Program 1:30-3:00



This is our theme for the school year! Gladiators show excellence in all things we do! Excellence Is a habit at New Paradigm Glazer Academy.

### GOALS FOR THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR

#### PERFORMANCE

- 65% of students will meet/exceed their NWEA fall to spring growth targets in both reading and math.
- MSTEP/PSAT8 proficiency will increase in both ELA and Math by 20% for grades 3-8.
- The overall college readiness percentages will increase by a minimum of 10% on the Spring PSAT assessment.

#### ATTENDANCE

- Chronic absenteeism will decrease by 15% in comparison to the 2022-2023 school year.

#### INTERVENTION

- Students will have an average mastery of 80% or higher of skills during scheduled intervention time.

### Emergency Drills

We will practice fire, tornado, and active shooting drills with students. An emergency can happen at any time. We will practice drills rather it is rain or shine. This will help prepare students to know what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

## The School wide Getting Along Together Challenge for the week is to Demonstrate a Stop and Think Strategy

This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to demonstrate a Stop and Think Strategy. Brain games such as: Telephone, Catch the Signal, and Sha Zam all help your brain practice stopping and thinking. Try playing one of these at recess today.

#### KINDER CORNER



Please ask your kinder to watch the Vimeo Video Unit 3 Day 1 Those Nearest and Dearest.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/kchomelink/174688838>

Watch and listen to the video and practice the /K/ sound (located at minute 2:50 on the video). Now practice sounding out the words below.

#### 1st GRADE



Watch the Vimeo video for A Card with Dad day 2. Then practice the letter sounds that are shown at the beginning of the video.

#### SFA Reading Roots

Look at the Reading Reels video with your parents. Practice the sounds from the video.

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rrhomelink/page:4>

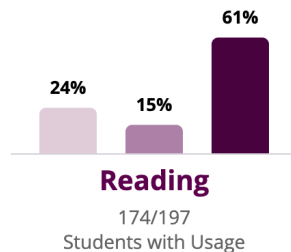
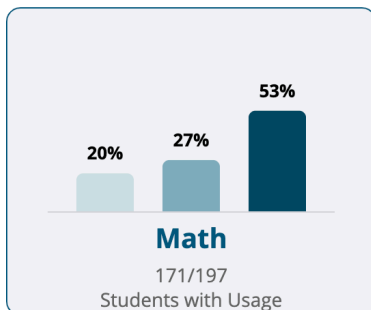
### Reading Support K-2

The homelinks link is a link to support kindergarten and Roots students with the letter sounds that they are currently working on during their daily lessons. Whatever letter sound they are working on in class the home link correlates it! Copy the link into your web browser and you will be able to view and listen to the sounds your student is working on in SFA/Reading.

## How Much Time Do Students Spend on Their Learning Paths?

Time Period: Previous Week

<20 min per week     20-39 min per week     40+ min per week



## How Many Skills Have Students Mastered?

Time Period: Previous Week



How are you monitoring progress with Exact Path? Please do not allow students to complete the Language arts learning path! You should be monitoring to prevent this!

### C3

Cortez	62%
Reambonanza/Baker	63%
Balisco	64%
Hand	63%
M Antonio	76%
5 <sup>th</sup> Natividad	56%
6 <sup>th</sup> Natividad	67%
7 <sup>th</sup> Natividad	76%
8 <sup>th</sup> Natividad	55%



Links to international Day projects -Required K-8 It is an important part of your students Social Studies grade. Project papers have gone home! Here is the link if you missed it!

[K-4 International Day projects](#)  
[5-8 International Day projects](#)

### Attendance Week of 12/4

K	84%
1	82%
2	90%
3	85%
4	95%
5	84%
6	89%
7	81%
8	79%

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field  
 Trip 9:30-12:30  
 Wednesday,  
 December 13, 2023  
 Slips must be in by  
 12/12

