

**Week of January 15, 2024**

# PARENT 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



## Be Test Smart

### Before

- Rest – Go bed early the night before
- Eat breakfast
- Be on time
- Be encouraging and supportive

### During

- Relax, you can do it – take deep breaths as needed
- Take your time – stay focused
- Answer all questions
- Make thoughtful guesses
- Try your very best

### After

- Use extra time to check answers
- Pat self on the back for a job well done
- Sit quietly and wait for all to be complete

DAY	ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday 1/5	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 1/16	Read and Respond Goes Home Spelling words & Book Clubs go home! Exact Path during intervention
Wednesday 1/17 Reading Rally!	Exact Path during intervention NWEA Reading Testing K-8
Thursday 1/18 Reading Rally	Exact Path during intervention NWEA Reading Testing K-8
Friday 1/19	Read and Respond/C3 Due NWEA Reading Testing K-8
UPCOMING	
1/22	NWEA Science Testing Begins
Week of 1/22	ANET Testing begins
1/22-1/23	Scholastic Book Fair – We need some parent volunteers!
1/26	End of Q2
1/31	Science Fair 3:00-4:30
Week of 2/12	Career exploration week
2/14	Count Day Trip to Henry Ford
2/16	No School Students – Staff PD
Week of 2/19-2/23	Mid-Winter Break – No school
2/26	Return to school
2/28	Black History Program 1:30-3:00
3/13	PTC – 4:30-7:00



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:** This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use “**Stop and Stay Cool**” solutions. This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use Stop and Stay Cool. When you take a moment to cool down, you are getting your emotions under control. If you encounter a situation that causes you to get upset, try closing your eyes and taking a deep breath.

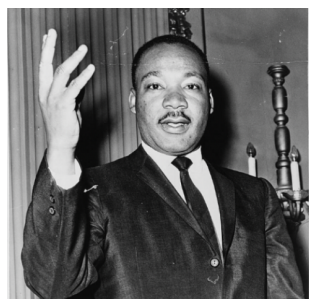
**Read and Respond Week of 1/9-1/23**

Cortez	85%
Reambonanza	71%
Balisco	79%
Hall	70%
Hand	90%
Johnson	67%
Antonio	73%
Natividad 5th	85%
Natividad 6th	60%
Natividad 7th	60%
Natividad 8th	63%

**Attendance Week of 1/9-1/23**

Cortez	84%
Reambonanza	75%
Balisco	88%
Hand	81%
Antonio	93%
5th	89%
6th	85%
7th	89%
8th	78%

NWEA Testing Schedule Link [NWEA Testing Link](#)



The Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrated every year on the third Monday of January to honor the life and legacy of civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's a day that celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

**Testing**

Test taking has become an increasingly valuable skill. Recently, testing has taken center stage due to accountability and more rigorous standards. Students need to learn strategies and techniques beginning in elementary school and in order to succeed throughout their academic careers.

Testing in school is very important. It not only helps teachers assess student ability and subject mastery; it also helps students and parents to monitor progress. Providing a child with test taking strategies and techniques will help students and schools perform better.

How are you preparing your students to be successful? Are you practicing test taking strategies on a daily basis? As well as teaching them how to manage their stress/emotions during testing? Are you sharing these strategies with your parents?

The following website can provide additional information on test taking strategies for parents and teachers.

**Basic Test Taking Tips**

1. Go to bed early – Get plenty of rest prior to testing
2. Make sure to eat breakfast
3. Relax – Practice stress relief strategies
  1. Take deep breaths
  2. Think positive thoughts – You got this!
  3. Think about the strategies that you have learned.

# Winter concert and International Day pictures

