### Week of January 29, 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.



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## "TO THROUGH AND BEYOND COLLEGE"

#### **MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUNGEY**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of the Success for All Reading Program, students are required to read 20 minutes per night and complete a daily Read and Respond. Each day, students' homework focuses on building their skills using the hierarchy of reading including vocabulary, clarifying, and comprehension. In fact, the National Education Association's research shows that students who read At home have increased achievement in reading and math scores.

Here are four facts about why your child needs to read each night:

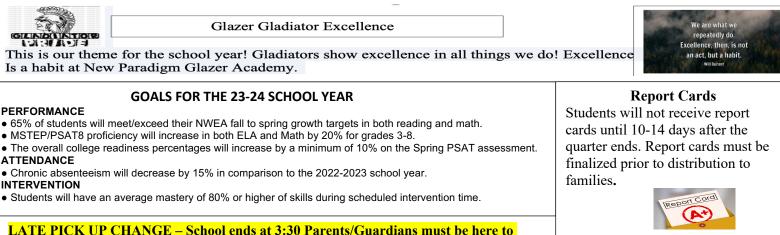
Reading makes kids better at math. A British study found that students who frequently read for pleasure not only had better vocabulary and spelling—which is to be expected—but that those students were also more proficient at math. The theory is that reading exposes students to new ideas, which may make new math concepts easier to comprehend.

Reading fiction helps children be more empathetic. The University of Buffalo found that students who read novels could put themselves into other people's situations more easily, and had increased compassion.

Reading can boost self-esteem and communication skills. Since students who read usually have an enhanced vocabulary, they can often find the words to express themselves and do not feel as frustrated and angry.

Reading changes the structure of the brain. In a six- month daily reading program, scientists found that the amount of white matter in the area of the brain associated with language actually increased. Another study found that reading helps the brain exercise cognitive function. Please help us encourage your child to read each night and complete their Read and Respond daily!

DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS				
	Read and Respond Goes Home			
Monday	Spelling words & Book			
1/29 Science Fair projects	Clubs go home!			
are due for 5-8 2/1/24	_			
	ANET Reading 2-8			
Tuesday	Exact Path during intervention			
1/30 Decisione Della				
Reading Rally	ANET Reading 2-8 Exact Path during intervention			
Wednesday 1/31	Exact Fath during intervention			
1/01	ANET Math 2-8			
Thursday	Science Fair Projects are due			
2/1	5-8!!!			
Reading Rally	ANET Math 2-8			
Friday				
2/2	Read and Respond/C3 Due			
Quarter 2 Ends	ANET Make ups 2-8			
U	PCOMING			
2/5	Science Fair 3:00-4:30			
Grades DUE!				
	Report cards will be			
2/12	available in Power School			
	and Sent home.			
	and Sent nome.			
2/14	Count Day!!!			
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Pick you child up on time! Going gorward families of students who are not picked up on time will be chareed a late pick up fee!

**The School wide Getting Along Together Challenge**: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to use **"I" Messages.** The purpose of using an "I" Message is to tell how you are feeling and why. If you are encountered with a situation today, first, say how you are feeling and then explain why.

CHANGE TO PBIS -Students who are chronically absent will not	be
allowed Attend future PBIS parties. They may also be excluded	from
other activities. If the improve in their attendance this will be	
reconsidered!	

Attendance Wo	eek of	1/9-1/12	1/19-1/26
Cortez	84%	57%	83%
Reambonanza	75%	41%	84%
Baliscao	88%	67%	86%
Hand	81%	74%	90%
Antonio	93%	62%	84%
5th	89%	46%	83%
6th	85%	54%	82%
7th	89%	69%	89%
8th	78%	61%	89%

10% of Students have missed 18+ days! This is unacceptable families!!! We have to get our students to school! Students who have missed more than the 10% allotted by the state of Michigan are subject to retention as well!!

Attendance Tips!

• Set a regular bed time and morning routine.

• Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.

• Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.

• Introduce your child to her teachers and classmates before school starts to help her transition.

• Don't let your child stay home unless she is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to

stay home.

• If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other parents for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and

excited about learning.

• Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

• Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.

Read and Respond We	eek of 1/22
Cortez	67%
Reambonanza	66%
Baliscao	42%
Hall	77%
Antonio	87%
Hand	80%
Johnson	80%
5 <sup>th</sup>	60%
6 <sup>th</sup>	90%
7th	55%
8th	100%

### C3 - Week of 1/22

67%
67%
41%
50%
67%
84%
89%
100%
100%

