

**FEBRUARY
2024**

PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

UPCOMING DATES:

- 2/8- RESCHEDULED COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELOR
- 2/12- PTO MEETING 6:30PM
- 2/14- 2/21- BOOK FAIR
- 2/15- 1 HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/15- P/T CONFERENCES
- 2/19- NO SCHOOL- PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/20- FUNDRAISING ASSEMBLY- FUNDRAISER STARTS
- 2/20- 1 HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 2/20- P/T CONFERENCES
- 2/20- BOARD MEETING 7PM
- 2/21- SPRING PICTURES
- 2/26- PLANETARIUM VISIT
- 2/27- 3/5- PTO FLOWER SALE

Update from the principal:

Hi Families,

We recently completed Winter Benchmark testing for the building. Students completed i-Ready testing in Math and Reading, and the DIBELS assessment. You should be receiving their score reports with this newsletter. If your child is at risk for reading difficulties as identified through the DIBELS assessment, you will be receiving a letter with additional details. Students who are identified as struggling readers will be provided extra support with regular monitoring by one of our Literacy Coaches in the building: Becky Bartlett, Anna Becker, Shannon Sykes, or Jodi Gannon. Should you have any questions regarding the DIBELS report, please reach out to one of them.

On Thursday, February 8 we will be having our Coffee with the Counselor and Principal. We will be discussing the various testing that occurs at our building level and what kinds of data we get and how we utilize it within the building and classroom. One of our Literacy Coaches will be at this meeting to help answer any questions you may have regarding their services.

A huge thank you to our PTO for arranging for our most recent assembly that took place on January 31, the Wacky Science Show. The students had a wonderful time learning about science in an engaging way. We will be having the Planetarium visit us on February 26 for certain grade levels. More information about that experience to come!

Conferences are taking place in the evening on February 15 and 20th from 3-6pm. There will be early dismissals those days to allow for teachers to prepare for conferences that evening. The Book Fair will also be open during these evenings so you can do some shopping with your child. We hope to see you!

Please mark your calendar for Lunch with a Loved One which will take place on either March 14 or March 15 depending on your child's grade level. More details soon!

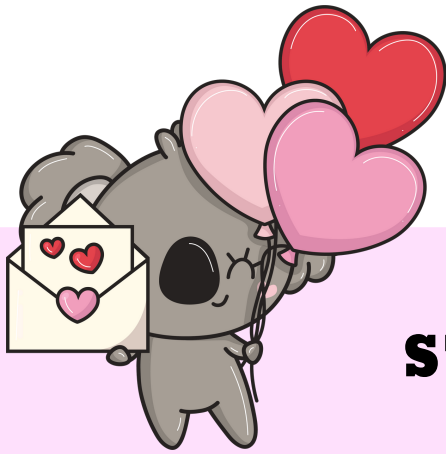
Finally, if your child is absent, or going to be absent, please make sure that you call the office to let us know they won't be here. Remember to send in doctor's excuses for any medical absences so they don't get mark as unexcused. Thank you!

Ally Schleichert

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. KARA STRINE

This month's focus is **Honesty**. One way to think about Honesty is "being truthful in what you say and do." Practicing Honesty helps strengthen our relationships and even reduces stress. Honesty is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Well**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

Family Challenge: Review Honesty as a family! Honesty is being truthful in what you say and do. Discuss the importance of being Honest and work together to create a family Honesty pledge. Create and decorate a sign together that explains what Honesty means in your family. Have each family member sign the pledge and choose a spot to display it. Refer back to the pledge as a reminder to be Honest and to celebrate when Honesty is practiced!



MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **HONESTY**

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH **PERSEVERANCE**

Ryder Fleming
Chance Ammerman
Gabby Cross
Karter Nettle
Brayden Jordan

Joseph Bucher
Ella Hanshaw
Trevor Neighbors
Andi McCorkle
Hunter Arndt
Rayna Irwin

Dublin Williams
Zoe Hutchinson
Jaxen Smith
Jayce Wells
Liam Bowersmith
Spencer Sells

Maysen Caskey
Mara Lowe
Elsie Francis Love
Jack Wolfel
Aubrey Chafin
Ryder Mosher

Reward:

**Pizza with
the Principal**

February 9

