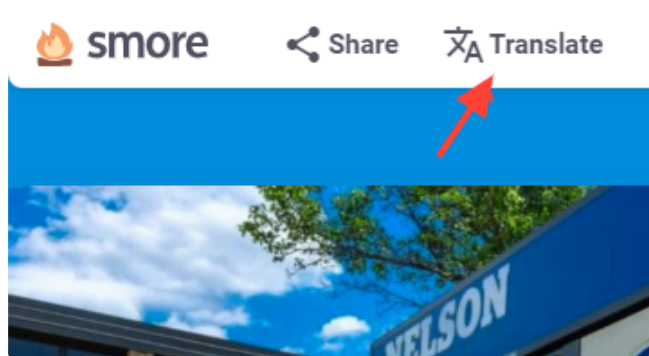


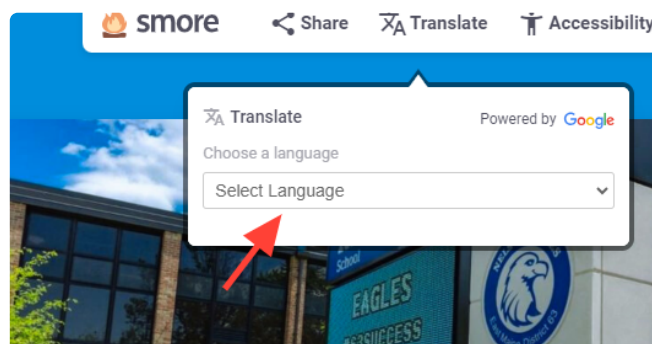


February 2024 ❤️

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Dear Nelson Parents & Families,

We'd like to thank you for joining us last week at our Family Literacy Night - we captured some of the fun in our January highlights section of the newsletter. Thanks to our teachers, staff, PTO, and all students and families for making the event a memorable one. Looking forward to our next family event, International Night, on March 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. Scroll down for more information and ways we can use your help! We hope to see you there.

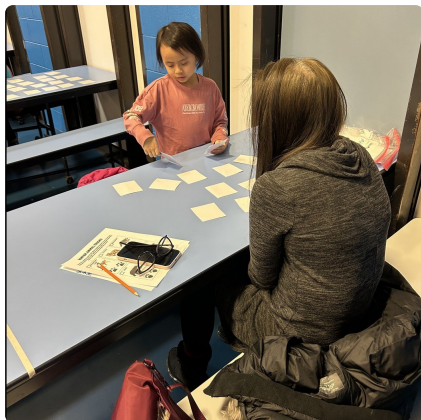
In other news, we were able to raise \$150 through our *Change for Change* initiative in honor of Dr. MLK Jr. Day of Service! Our students enjoyed counting and totaling the change and funds have been donated to the District's Family Resource Center. Thank you to all of our students and families that contributed and helped reinforce our message of goodwill through acts of service.

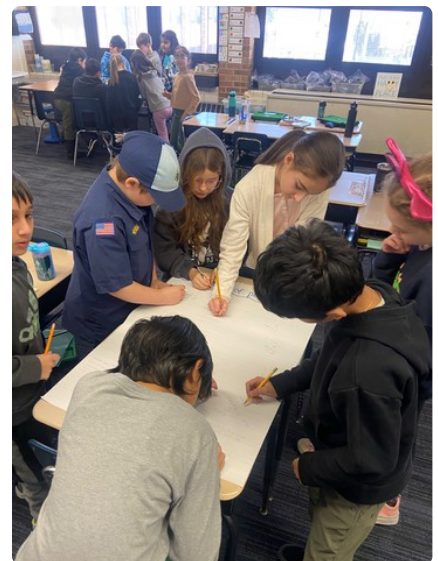
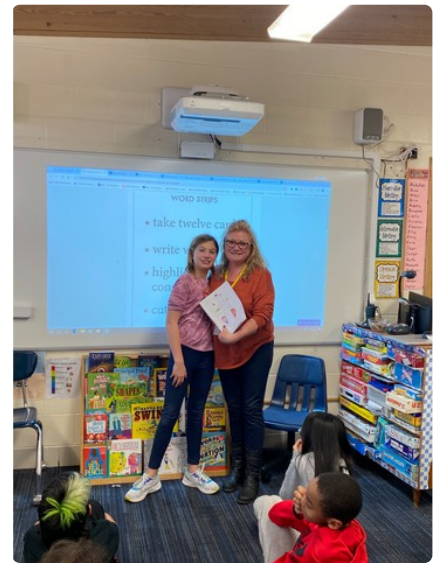
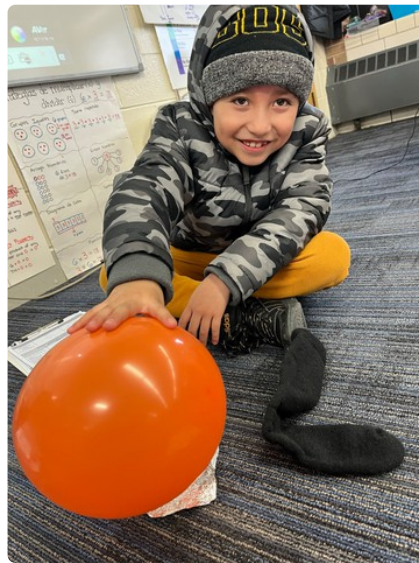
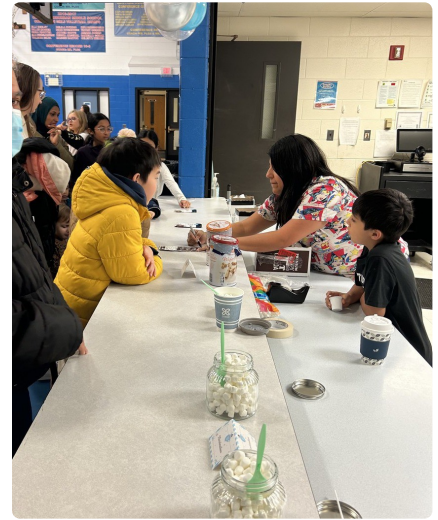
Sincerely,

Lauren Leitao, Principal

Sarah Ezzat, Assistant Principal

Highlights From January





Upcoming Events

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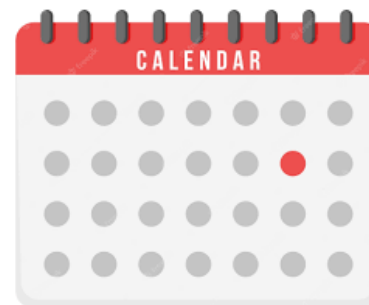
Friday, February 9: School Improvement Day - Early Release at 10:55 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14: PTO Restaurant Night at Portillo's from 5 - 8 p.m.

Monday, February 19: President's Day - No School

Tuesday, March 5: Nelson Virtual PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Nelson International Night from 6 - 7 p.m.



International Night

Nelson's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee is excited to host our 23/24 International Night event on Wednesday, March 6 from 6 - 7 p.m. We would love your help in creating a successful 23/24 International Night. Our EDI team is looking for food donations to represent the cultures within our school. Though store-bought and individually packaged is preferred, we are open to any donations whether it's food, beverage, or sweets. Some examples from last year include pizza bread, conchas, seaweed wraps, and traditional candies. Please feel free to donate as little or as much as you are willing.



If you are interested in donating please take a second to fill out this [form](#).

Winter Weather Information



Determining Indoor or Outdoor Recess

As the weather gets colder, we want to make sure our students can still enjoy the important benefits of outdoor recess when weather permits. Fresh air, exercise, and playtime are all



Weather-Related Closing Information

Take a minute to review [D63's Winter Weather Closing information](#). A few key points: If school buildings close, students shift to remote learning. Decisions to close school are made jointly with other area school districts. When

essential for a healthy and happy school day, even in winter. **Students will have outdoor recess when the temperature (including windchill) is above 20 degrees fahrenheit.** It is important to remember the Winter 5: Coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves. In addition, please LABEL your child's winter gear in case something gets misplaced.

text, and phone call. Information will also be posted on our website and social media.

District Information



Childcare Programs in D63

Many students need childcare beyond the school day. Whether it is before school/after school, or on days when school is closed due to staff professional development, Expanded Learning offers options to meet the needs of our families. More information [here](#).



Family Resource Center (FRC)

From youth development classes, to adult education, to family events, there are many options available for your student and family this winter at the D63 Family Resource Center. Visit www.emsd63.org and select Family Resource Center from the drop down menu to learn more about these opportunities and to register for classes.



Breakfast & Lunch Information

Please view the monthly school menus provided by food services by clicking [here](#).



Creating an Inclusive Environment: A Free Family Workshop

District 63 is committed to creating an environment in which every student feels a sense of belonging and inclusion. Join us at this special workshop to learn more about one of our most effective tools for achieving this goal: addressing microaggressions. *Open to those aged 11 and older.*

Thursday, February 15

6:30-8 p.m.

Gemini Middle School

8955 Greenwood Road, Niles

Mustang Gym - Enter at Door 12



Often, expressions of racism, homophobia, sexism, religious intolerance, and more can be very obvious. But sometimes these negative messages can be delivered in smaller, subtler ways. We call these small - but powerful - messages "microaggressions." This workshop, led by anti-racism expert Corrie Wallace, will focus on understanding and identifying microaggressions - and how our schools are weaving this learning into classrooms and staff training. Light refreshments served; child care provided.

Summer Camp Academy Registration

Even though it's cold outside, we are getting ready to open Summer Camp Academy registration! Register your child now for summer programs at the FRC. Visit www.emsd63.org and select Expanded Learning to learn more.



PBIS & Weekly Action Challenges

What is PBIS?

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional, and mental health. When implemented with fidelity, PBIS improves social emotional competence, academic success, and school climate.



Nelson Weekly Announcements Videos

To help promote our PBIS initiative, we create weekly announcements videos for students and staff. [Click here](#) to check them out!

Weekly Action Challenges:

Week of 2/5: I am my best self when I know my boundaries

Week of 2/12: I am my best self when I treat others the way I want to be treated

Week of 2/19: We are our best community when we make everyone feel accepted and valued

Week of 2/26: Reflection/Celebration (Character Captains)

A Message from the Nelson PTO

The Nelson PTO supports students and teachers throughout each year through hosting community events, fundraising, selling school apparel, and providing many opportunities for community members to volunteer.

We will hold our next Nelson PTO meeting **VIRTUALLY, Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.** A sign up link will be sent out to all families in the coming days. All are welcome! If you have questions for the Nelson PTO please email vhnelsonpto@gmail.com



Sincerely,
Your Nelson PTO Board



BOX TOPS
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Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

HOLIDAY EDITION 2023

YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Low-income schools receive approximately \$1000 less per student in state and local funding, which contributes to lost opportunities for those students.

During the holiday season, Box Tops is encouraging participants to switch their settings in the Box Tops app to support a school in need for a week (or more!).

Follow these steps in the app to support a school in need near you:

PROFILE ICON → MANAGE SCHOOLS → ADD SCHOOL → FIND A SCHOOL IN NEED

HOLIDAY TIMESAVERS THAT GIVE BACK

Stock up on Box Tops products before the holiday season starts! So many of our delicious, versatile products are perfect for helping save time in the kitchen as you prep for your seasonal celebrations. Just don't forget to scan your receipt as the holiday season gets busier and busier.

GET THE BOX TOPS APP & START EARNING FOR YOUR SCHOOL TODAY!



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