



# Hillview Middle School

*Valued, Connected, Inspired*

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Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed midwinter break with your families and are ready for spring! This year, we unveiled new strategic directions as a district that we will be working towards for the next six years. These are:

- Strengthen academic achievement
- Grow student belonging
- Create inspiring environments

In our effort to strengthen academic achievement, we are approaching the end of Trimester 2 on March 7. Please encourage your children to take advantage of Flex to meet with teachers to ask questions, and to ensure understanding of academic standards.

A second district priority is growing student belonging. We are doing this in several ways in the coming few weeks. First, on Tuesday, sponsored by our Black Student Union + Allies club in commemoration of Black History Month, [the Fua Dia Kongo Congolese drummers](#) are performing for our students at lunch in the quad. This follows the lunchtime Lion Dance performance in honor of Lunar New Year. Then, this week from Wednesday through Friday, the [Mobile Museum of Tolerance](#) will be at Hillview, and our 6th graders and some 7th graders will get to learn in the museum.

Finally, a third district priority is creating inspiring environments. Through our PTO, we are looking at putting artwork on our campus. And through our inspiring classrooms and programs, we have upcoming performances of the dance show - a showcase of our dance PE program and cheer and dance team - and Frozen, our spring musical.

We look forward to a fantastic spring at Hillview!

Best,

Danielle