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Principal's Message

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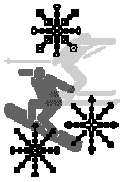
Happy New Year! I hope you all had a chance to meet with your child's teacher. It is critical that there is ongoing communication between home and school. Now is the time to assist those students who are falling behind, Standardized testing is right around the corner, in May, and we want all our students to meet proficiency requirements on the California State Standards. So work closely with your child and with your child's teacher to support the instructional program and assure academic success.

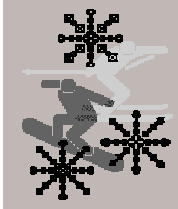
The next session of after school interventions will start in January. This is the time for catching up in those areas that your child may be falling behind. Make sure you take advantage of this opportunity.

I hope to see you all at the next PTA Meeting on January 17. WE will be planning our Spring activities. Your input is needed and appreciated.



Important Dates

Winter Recess……December 19-January 6
Return to School……..…….January 9, 2006
Martin Luther King Day……January 16
No School
PTA Meeting@ 7:00…… January 17
GLC Meeting@ 2:30…….January 31
(Note Change of Date)
Grizzly Awards…….January 18
Red Ribbon Week…….January 23



Parent Involvement Helps Students Succeed in School and in Life

"The evidence is beyond dispute; parent involvement improves student achievement. When parents are involved, children do better in school," according to Ruth Yoon, Director of Parent Involvement Initiatives for the Los Angeles Annenberg Metropolitan Project. Their study on parental involvement found that:

- The family makes critical contributions to student achievement from preschool through high school
- When parents are involved at school as well as at home, children do better and stay in school longer
- When a critical mass of parents is involved, the whole school improves.
- Create a home environment that encourages learning
- Express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers
- Become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.

The San Diego (Calif.) County Education Department offers the results of a number of studies that examine the relationship between parent involvement and student achievement. Among other things, the research shows that the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to:

Family-School-Community Connections Work "When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." That's one finding of a January 2003 report from the National Center for Family & Community Connections with Schools at the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory.

Open Court Reading Themes

Kindergarten: Finding Friends
First Grade: Things That Go
Second Grade: Look Again
Third Grade: Imagination
Fourth Grade: From Mystery to Medicine
Fifth Grade: Heritage
Help your child find books, pictures, articles, etc. to match their theme in reading.

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