



February 16, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am hopeful this email finds you well.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that MVP is closed from Friday, February 16th through Friday, February 23rd for President's Day and mid-winter recess. We will resume classes on Monday, February 26th.

All our students have been given study packets to take home and complete during this week. I acknowledge that they should be able to have some fun while on vacation but I also know you agree that we need them to refresh their knowledge by reviewing the content covered in our classrooms, as often as they can. We are getting closer and closer to the administration of the State test, and as such, we want to take advantage of every moment we have to enhance our students' learning.

While I have you here, we will be conducting our February assembly on Wednesday, February 28th. Select students are recognized during this assembly and many will be participating sharing by sharing the written products and projects they completed and have accomplished in our school wide acknowledgement of Black History Month. We are also spending time ensuring that our school environment is free of discrimination, harassment and bullying, as such we have been participating in school wide activities that build and promote inclusionary settings through the "Respect for All" week activities. As we move along, next month, we will be celebrating National Women's History Month. We are planning lots of fun activities related to this theme and are looking forward to your visits so that you get to see what our students are doing to highlight this month.

Lastly, we have had very low attendance during the month of January and February, mostly due to our students being sick. I encourage you to please continue conversations with your children regarding taking precautions to ensure we remain healthy particularly during this "Flu season" (for example; washing our Hands frequently and thoroughly). We will continue to stress this on our end during our Health classes and on a daily basis.

As always, thank you for your continuous support. We appreciate you!!

Have a safe, enjoyable and restful "vacation", and spend some family quality time:).

Nancy Velez, Principal