

Cougar Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the weather that has finally become more consistent with our time of the year! The snow certainly looked peaceful falling to the ground as we watched from the window!

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the 7/8th grade parent meeting. We greatly appreciated everyone's thoughts, critical feedback and suggestions to continue polishing our imperfections.

Thank you to our PTA and the Lokahi Danzan Ryu School of Jujitsu for hosting our school community in the self defense class to support our 8th grade scholars. I am sure everyone who attended had a great learning experience!

**Here are a few reminders and updates for the week.**

**Attendance:** Congratulations to our scholars who were able to participate in the pajama day for having perfect attendance. Currently, our school attendance rate is just above 96%. This is an increase from the past 3 years and an increase of more than 4% for the two-week comparison during the weeks of this attendance incentive. Thank you all and let's keep this up!

**Vision Forms:** These were distributed this week for parents interested in vision exams for our scholars. We are partnering with Ageless Eyes to support our scholars.

**PTA (6:00 PM) and LSC (7:00 PM) Meeting:** Monday, January 14th

**IB Learner Profile Acknowledgment at 9:00 AM:** Invitations were sent home on Friday for our selected scholars to be celebrated on Wednesday, January 16th.

**PTA Ski Trip (2/1 and 2/2):** If you are interested in attending please contact Fannie Brown by 1/15 to reserve your lift ticket. She can be reached at 773-406-9819.

**Alice in Wonderland Jr.:** Congrats to all of our scholars who showed off their amazing talents! We are looking forward to a great show in May! Call backs will be this Wednesday for those listed on the website. The link for the show is listed under students. Final cast list will be posted on the 17th and the first all cast practice will be on the 23rd.

**Internet and social media:** I had the pleasure of attending the "Parenting the iGen," meeting at Mother McAuley this past week. Please continue to monitor and stay informed as to the content and places of travel that our scholars are journeying while they are using different devices and surfing the web. The meeting told us that social media is the #1 human trafficking tool and predators are only six click away. Another staggering thought was that the age of 8 is the new 12. Our scholars are exposed to way too much these days, we all should consider using YouTube Kids instead of allowing our kids to use YouTube.

**Thinking Ahead:**

1/21 No School

1/24 PTA Fun Lunch and FOC \$2.00 out of uniform day

1/28 Eat and Earn at Open Outcry

1/30 Cafe Clissold at 8:30 AM

1/31 End of 2nd Quarter

2/1 No School

2/1 & 2/2 PTA Ski Trip: February 1st and 2nd. Check out the flyer on the website

2/22 FOC Celebrating Clissold Creativity (7:00-9:00 PM at the Beverly Art Center)

As you know, we are a Montessori and IB MYP educational community who believes in the gift of every child to inspire and empower the future of our humanity.

**Collaborate with one another  
Support one another  
Care for one another  
Encourage one another  
And  
Remarkable things will happen!**

Kindly,

Your Clissold Administration