



COLLEGEWOOD

Elementary School

Dear Collegewood Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a peaceful winter break full of memory-making moments. We are jumping back into school with so many great things to look forward to. As you have probably noticed, construction is well underway and we are making great progress with an anticipated completion time of next May. The students have enjoyed seeing all of the equipment roll in and I often find them peeking through the fencing to catch a glimpse of construction team at work.

We will be hosting a fundraiser at Applebees on January 25th. I hope you will be able to join us there for breakfast. This is a great time to get to know other parents in our community and enjoy a delicious breakfast! Be sure to look for the informational fliers to purchase your pre-sale tickets.

Over winter vacation we had some changes in our staffing. Please give a Collegewood welcome to Alice Lai who will be working with Mrs. Martin, our Title 1 Coordinator, to provide math and reading intervention. She has extensive teaching experience and also served as a school principal. We also extend our congratulations to Ms. Silva who was married over winter break and will now be going by Mrs. Pereda!

I am looking forward to a great month ahead!

Respectfully,

Mary Wendland, Ed.D.

Golden Bell State Recognition

In December Collegewood received the Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association. As one of 57 schools in the state to receive this honor, Collegewood was recognized for our school-wide approach to academic and social-emotional focus to help the development of our students.

A judging panel composed of experts from school districts and county offices of education across the state reviewed written



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Upcoming Events

January 6

School Resumes

January 13

1st Grade Dance

2nd Grade Dramatic Results

January 17

8:00 ELAC Meeting in library

January 20

No School in honor of MLK Jr.

January 22

8:45 Community Club Meeting

entries and made initial recommendations. On-site validators then reviewed the recommendations and assessed the programs in action.

We are honored to receive this recognition as we work to provide equity and access to curriculum and guide students in mastering learning objectives while nurturing their character. Our school-wide belief and mission is encompassed in our Twitter hashtag and motto *Developing Minds, Nurturing Hearts*. We are grateful that you choose to entrust your child into our care and thank you for celebrating this honor with us.

PBIS Focus for January

We are a PBIS school. This means that we approach behavioral support with the same care and commitment that we do academic growth. Our school focuses on the practice of the 4 R's: Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, and being Ready to Learn. Each month we focus on one the R's in addition to a character trait. This month we are focusing on respect and goal-setting.

This is a great time to talk with your child about how they can show respect at school and at home, especially when the circumstances can be challenging. We will be talking a lot about setting short-term goals and students will be posting their goal in class. We like to use this time to remind our students that everyone is working on something. When we write down our goals and identify the steps we need to take to achieve our goals, we are more likely to find success. Be sure to read some of the goals posted around our campus the next time you walk through classrooms.

Family Math Night

On January 30th we will be hosting Family Math Night. During this time we will have learning activities for students of all ages. We hope that you will attend and bring the whole family as we bring math to life through hands-on experiences! Be sure to check your child's backpack for fliers with more information.

Thank You!

A special thanks to all of you for following traffic routines and laws during drop off and pick-up. This is a busy time around our school and without patience, respect, and a willingness to cooperate, it could be very dangerous for our kids. It has been helpful to have all of the students waiting on the hillside in front of the school where staff can monitor them to ensure their safety. Thank you for helping make this time safe for our students!



Upcoming Events

January 25

Applebees Fundraiser
Breakfast 8:00-10:00 AM

January 27

Meet the Masters Art
Program

January 28

Active Threat Drill

January 30

Family Math Night 6:30-8:00

January 31

3rd Grade Field Trip