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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy winter! I hope you are staying warm and cozy in this frigid weather. Below please find reminders as well as some exciting events coming up.

- Friday, February 17th Tuesday, February 21st: Presidents Weekend No school
- Thursday, February 23rd 5:00-6:00pm Hallen Parents/Guardians meeting for T-Mobile Tower Installation at Hallen School
  - This is your opportunity to come and ask questions to T-Mobile!
- Friday, February 24th 9:30-10:30am Student of the Month Celebration
  - Please come to honor our amazing students!
- Thursday, March 2rd African American Wax Museum 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will portray famous African Americans throughout the day so be prepared to stop and stare at our actors and hear about many who contributed to history!
  - o This is an event that incorporates dramatic arts, literacy and history
- Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-2:30pm Black History Month Celebration with a special theme about Muhammad Ali and his many accomplishments; athlete, poet. "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."
  - There will be a "handshake" contest. The classroom who creates the most creative "handshake" will win a prize and the principal will donate money on the class's behalf!
  - o There will be talent galore; jump roping, singing, readings, etc.
- Friday, March 3rd 6:00-7:30pm Dr. Suess Night Literacy Night
  - Come out to celebrate and read with us!
- Tuesday, March 14 6:00-7:30pm SBAC Night
  - Come out and learn about the state test and how you can help your child excel and achieve his/her potential!
- Friday, March 17th for \$1.00 wear GREEN for St. Patrick's Day
  - Donations will go towards our field day
- Friday, March 24th Math Night 6:00-7:30pm
  - Come learn about our math program!
- Monday, March 24 Friday, March 31, 2017 Science CMT
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the test
- MyOn Contest has begun! Please have your child read books on MyOn. Classroom who reads the most books will have a surprise party!

Just like the Hallen Hawk who S.O.A.R.S., so do our wonderful students! If each student earns a letter every day, he/she participates in our weekly Fun Friday! We continue to celebrate students "Caught for Being Good" on Fridays with announcements and prizes. Morning meetings and "Take a Break Corner" also known as the "Meta-Moment Corner" continues to help students' self-assess and self-regulate. RULER continues to be part of our school day. The Mood Meter is used during morning meetings to have students describe what color they are feeling; Red, Yellow, Blue, or Green and why they are feeling it. Classroom Charters are reviewed.

Our Turnaround Arts Team is busy working on the musical, <u>Annie.</u> Soon, parents/guardians of the cast will receive information, schedule, etc. so be on the look-out for these notices. Happy Reading! Dr. Deborah Santacapíta