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**January 3, 2011**

**CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Students will be dismissed at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 7, 2011 for staff development.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thanks for all of your support throughout the year. We are excited to continue to work with your child for 2011.

**HIGH SCHOOL AIMS TESTING**

Great job and congratulations to the following students who have now earned a scholarship to any state university. Andrew Mendez, Shanice Noble, Damariya Seymore, and Sierra Stuart have all exceeded on all the AIMS assessments in reading, writing and math. Way to go and thanks to their high school teachers!

**TUTORING**

This is available each Thursday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 PM for reading and math for grades 1 -high school. Parents pick up students at the front of the school. Tutoring ends May 26, 2011.

**READING HAS REWARDS**

Students need to turn in their reading journals on Wednesday for grades K-8 as part of their homework. Please help raise reading test scores by reading with your child nightly. Journals are available in the office. The cost is \$3.00. We will be using these journals for students to qualify for Pizza Hut rewards and Bookman's gift certificates. Students will be rewarded for the number of books they read.

**DRESS CODE REMINDERS**

Students are not allowed to wear ripped jeans to school. Jeans need to be hemmed and no ragged edges. Students must wear solid black or brown shoes daily. If students choose to wear two shirts the school shirt must be worn at all times including on the bus. The shirt under their school shirt must be a plain color shirt or another school shirt. Students cannot be on campus or the bus without their school shirt.

**SCHOOL TRIPS**

Students need to be sure to continue to meet the requirements for school trips.

1. Homework turned in at 90% including their reading journal.
2. Cannot miss more than 3 days until February 1 if they started the first day of school. No absences for anyone who started after the first day.
3. No out of school suspensions.
4. Attend all school state testing in the spring.
5. Have a good attitude and be trustworthy.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Parents are doing a great job of having students exit and enter the cars quickly. Make sure you drive up to the curb or continue to park in the field for pick up and drop off. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are in the red zone. Parents of kindergarten students must park in the field if they are leaving their car unattended.

**ATTENDANCE**

As a reminder students ages 6 - 16 must be in school unless excused by a parent. Please call in by 8:30 AM daily if your child is absent. The school participates in the CUTS program. Parents and students may be cited if your child is not attending school. After 5 unexcused absences parents will be notified of absences. If a child misses a total of 18 school days either unexcused or excused parents and students may be cited for attendance. Notification will be sent to parents.

**AUTOMATED CALL SYSTEM**

You will be called if your child is absent daily by a new automated system. Please call the office by 8:30 AM if your child is absent. The system will also call if there are any transportation issues. Please call the office with any phone number and address changes.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>January 7</b>	<b>Early Release 1:00 PM</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>Open Conferences 1:00 - 4:00 PM</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>
	<b>No School Students</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>100th Day /2nd grading period</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Report Cards Home Grades K-8</b>