

"Committed to Excellence in Education"

Thank you parents for your support and participation in our school activities, events, and most importantly, what you do at home on a daily basis. It takes all of us working together to help our students learn and propel in their academic and social/emotional growth and development.

## **Dates to Remember**

Pastries with Parents: November 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Dismissal at 3:25 p.m.: November 23

**Early Dismissal at Noon:** November 24 **Thanksgiving Break:** November 25-27

**Chick-Fil- A Nights:** January 13, 2016, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Character Counts: Caring** 

**Fun Center:** PRE-K students will benefit from incentives on Friday's for perfect attendance throughout the week.

**Pastries with Parents:** Enjoy breakfast treats with your child in the PK or Elite cafeteria on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Early Dismissal**: All students will dismiss at 3:25 p.m. on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Break:** As a reminder, there will be no school on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Breakfast with Santa:** The annual Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. There will be music, food, photos with Santa, door prizes, and a gift for each child upon availability.

**Benchmarks:** December is a short and very busy month. In addition to our daily instruction, our students will engage in benchmark assessments to help us gauge their progress and growth before January. Please continue to make sure your child

is present at school, on time, comes prepared, and strives to make good choices. Every day counts with not a minute to waste! Benchmark assessments are scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that benchmark results are included in student's averages.

**FBI (Federal Book Investigators) news:** Together, we have read 392 books total thus far. A high five party is awarded to students who read 6 books in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 2 chapter books from 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade every six weeks. Please encourage your child to read daily so that we can attain the goal of 10,000 books by the end of the year. We want to a build a hunger for reading that provides a foundation for a lifetime of literacy because we know that literacy translates to success in and beyond the classroom.

Our mission is to develop strong critical thinkers that will graduate from four year competitive colleges by providing strict character development and a rigorous academic curriculum.