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LOOKING AHEAD

February 6 -10 - Book Bazaar

February 10 - FG Family Dinner & Dance in the Gym

6:30 - 9:00 pm

February 14 - All Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:00 - 7:30 am

February 20 - President's Day - No School

Principal's Corner

THANK YOU to all the parents who were able to attend our Parent Education Night. We had a great turnout and very powerful conversation about the language acquisition process, the benefits, the successes, the barriers and much more. I appreciate your support and your dedication to the immersion program and to Forest Glen.

We are having an awesome start to the second semester! Children have been focused and working very hard to achieve their maximum potential. I know that learning academic content in a second language is not easy. However, there are multiple benefits to language learning. Below is some of what research shows:

Linguistic Abilities –

Exposing a child to a foreign language at an early age (as early as 3 years old) will result in much easier and better fluency than if they learn later in life. Ever heard of children referred to as “sponges”? That statement couldn't be more accurate when it comes to a child learning a foreign language. Children's brains are developmentally ready to accept and learn a foreign language, and fluency comes fairly easily, rapidly, and without accent.

Cognitive Abilities –

Second language learners acquire better problem solving and critical thinking skills; and, have more creativity, multi-tasking abilities and enhanced memories.

Higher Academic Achievement - Along the same lines of the cognitive benefits mentioned above, learning a foreign

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language can also provide academic benefits. Bilingual students have been shown to have higher math skills and standardized test scores (including SAT). And, contrary to popular belief, not only does learning a foreign language *not* inhibit the child's English language proficiency, it enhances and improves it over time!

Please remember, dedication, perseverance and positive thinking will lead to high success. Our students here at FG are on their way to achieve amazing successes in the future, even if the road seems bumpy and more challenging that in monolingual programs.

THANK YOU!

Jerome Omar Lahlou

From the Desk of your AP:

As we move into the month of February, we begin preparing for the statewide ISTEP and IREAD testing. The first round of ISTEP will be the Applied Skills section which is the paper and pencil portion. It will run from February 27th – March 10th for all 3rd, 4th, 5th, & 6th graders. Following that will be the 3rd grade IREAD test given during the week of March 13th - 17th. Please be sure that your children are going to bed early and eating a good breakfast during these times. Also, PLEASE avoid scheduling any appointments during the school day throughout the testing windows.

Our LifeSkill for this month is “Friendship.” Students from each class are receiving Friendship Champion Certificates and these are announced during morning announcements. It is so wonderful to celebrate students that are consistently showing friendship in and around Forest Glen!

Happy February!

Jane Ann Giles



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Notes from the Nurse

Vision and Hearing Screenings were conducted back in September. If your child failed either screening, a letter indicating abnormal results were sent home to children requiring a re-evaluation by their doctors or optometrists. A second letter was sent home in December. If you are a parent that received a letter about your child's vision or hearing, please make sure your child is seen by his/her doctor for hearing and vision rechecks. Any new results should be sent to the school nurse. Feel free to call or email the school nurse with any questions.

Nurse Ciara

IMPORTANT REMINDER

For the health and safety of all students, please follow the rule of **not sending your students to school until they have gone 24 hours without a fever, diarrhea and/or vomiting.** It is important to be aware that these 24 hours should be without any type of medicine that prevents these symptoms. We want to make sure germs do not spread throughout the school.

Also, please remember that **you must call the attendance line (317-964-4905) to report your child's absence each day that he/she misses school.** If you do not, it becomes an unexcused absence and after 10 unexcused absences, we are required by law to report it to the courts.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yearbooks

Don't forget that the Forest Glen yearbooks are now on sale. The order forms were sent home by the teachers a couple of weeks ago. If you need another form, they are available in the office. The price of the yearbook is \$18 if you order it before February 17 and \$20 if purchased after February 17. All order forms must be turned in by March 13. You can place your order online or send the payment in the order envelope to your child's teacher.

Summer Camp/Day Care

The MSD of Lawrence Township, in partnership with the Benjamin Harrison YMCA is offering a variety of summer camp opportunities for children ages 3 through 15. Check the website for complete details and registration information.

Student Health Assessment Questionnaire

Students in grades three and above will participate in the Student Health Assessment Questionnaire (SHAQ) to be administered between February 7 and February 24. See the website for details.

PREP-Parent Engagement Series—Let's Talk About Getting the Most of Middle School

February 16 at 6:30 pm at Fall Creek Valley Middle School, 9701 East 63rd Street

A panel of Lawrence Township administrators, counselors, parents, and students will discuss how to get the most out of the middle school experience, including transition strategies, scheduling, extracurricular activities, and more. Come learn about LT middle schools and get all your questions answered. Childcare and Spanish translation provided.

"Light Their Future" Celebration

On **March 10, 2017**, the Lawrence Township School Foundation will host its 17th annual **"Light their Future" Celebration**. It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, socializing, and a fantastic silent auction. Check the Foundation's website at www.msdltf.org for more information or if you or your company is interested in donating something to be used in the silent auction.

Preschool Registration for the 2017 - 2018 school year is now open. Visit LTschools.org for more information.

Summer sports leagues are forming now. See the **Community Activities** page on our website linked in the lower right side.

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