

Friday Quick Notes for Families

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Monthly Character Education Focus: FAIRNESS (Kindergarten)

Inspirational Words:

“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Calendar Outlook:

Week of January 23 – School Security Drill

Monday, January 23– After School Mural Meeting (3:20-4:15) in Art Room – ALL WELCOME (see below)

Tuesday, January 24 – First Day of School Wide Enrichment

Market Day Pick-Up

Wednesday, January 25 - Illusion Maker Assembly

- (Environmental Focus / Overview of Ways We Can Help Enviro.)
- (Prek-2 – 9:30 AM & 3&4 – 10:15 PM in All Purpose Room)

Friday, January 27 – School Spirit Day / 2nd Marking Period Ends

Tuesday, January 31 – School Wide Enrichment (1:10 pm) – Grades 1-4

Friday, February 3 – School Spirit Day / PTA Family Fun Night (BINGO)

- Abraham Lincoln Assembly (2:00 – 3:00)

Week of February 6 – School Security Drill

Tuesday, February 7 - Nixon’s Knick Knacks (8:52-9:15 – PreK-2 & 2:45 – 3:10 – Grades 3, 4, & KPM)

- Kick off Making Headlines

Wednesday, February 8 – PTA (Specials)

Friday, February 10 – School Spirit Day / Family Fun Night Snow Date

Saturday, February 11 – Community Book Swap (more details to come via flyer)

Monday, February 13 – Making Headlines – Interview Day

- Report Cards Launched in Genesis
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital – Fundraiser Kickoff (**see below)

Tuesday, February 14 – School Wide Enrichment (1:10 pm) – Grades 1-4

Wednesday, February 15 – I&RS

Thursday, February 16 – Book Swap (Grades 1-4: Lunch / Kindergarten 11:15 & 1:25)

- Parents as Reading Partners – 2:45-3:10 PM (For the Love of Reading)

Friday, February 17 – Inservice Day

Week of February 20 – Fire Drill

Monday, February 20 – Closed

Tuesday, February 21

- Market Day Pick-Up
- Nixon’s Knick Knacks (8:52-9:15 – PreK-2 & 2:45 – 3:10 – Grades 3, 4, & KPM)

Friday, February 24 – School Spirit Day

- Daytime Science Fair – Schedule TBD
- Evening Science Fair – 7 PM

Tuesday, February 28 - School Wide Enrichment (1:10 pm) – Grades 1-4



News:

- **School Mural:** On Monday, January 23rd immediately after school until 4:15 PM, Miss Wall will be holding a school mural brainstorming session in the Art Room, which any student or parent is welcome to attend. The goal of the meeting will be to work cooperatively to meld the ideas of the winning grade level mural entries together to create a single mural design that can be painted on a wall in Nixon School. Students who are interested in attending **MUST** have a note sent to school on Monday stating that they will stay for this art session. Students who

send in a note will be called to the art room just prior to the dismissal of walkers/car riders. Parents, who would like to join the group, must sign in at the office and remain there until 3:20. Families are responsible for pick up at 4:15; NO late buses will be available. Miss Wall will dismiss students in the Main Lobby. All parents will be asked to sign out their children. Congratulations to the grade level winners: Kindergarten- Annika S., First Grade- Brendan W., Second Grade- Makayla C., Third Grade- Isabel Y., Fourth Grade- Michelle M.

- **Absence:** I am sorry that I missed Wednesday night's PTA meeting. A respiratory infection kept me home. I am extremely grateful that so many families came out to participate in the meeting and hear about some of the wonderful things that our Kindergarteners and Second Graders have been learning... I hope to see many of you out our next meeting on February 8th.
- **School Wide Enrichment:** Kicks off on Tuesday. I am happy to share that students who returned forms were all placed in either their first or second choice class. Teachers will share with students their class and teacher next week.
- **School Safety** – For all of us, school safety is a primary concern. To support us in maintaining a safe school environment, I am asking that during arrival time that all parents/guardians go no further than the Main Lobby. If for any reason, you need to speak with a teacher, please feel free to stop in the Main Office and we will take a message for you and see that your child's teacher receives it. I truly appreciate your help in keeping Nixon School safe!
- **Lego Contest:** A Family Lego Contest will be held on Tuesday, January 31 from 5-8PM at the Roxbury Public Library. Make a winter scene using your Legos or ours. Prizes will be awarded. This is a family event and all are welcome to participate. All scenes will be displayed in our lobby showcase for the month of February. Registration is required. To register, stop by the Youth Services desk or call 973-584-2400, ext. 503.
- **St. Jude's Math-a-Thon** – as of now, we do not have a volunteer to help facilitate this worthwhile service/learning project. If you are interested, I would be happy to share with you what I know about the responsibilities, as well as the contact information for the representative at St. Jude's who can explain more. Again, our school has participated multiple times and has raised over \$10,000 to support this organization. Thank you in advance to anyone who is willing to help us organize this effort.
- **Web Site** – Please be sure to check out our Nixon School website regularly! Individual staff uses their sites (on the Faculty and Staff link) to share with you what is taking place in the classroom and to offer helpful advice or tips on skills to reinforce and support at home.

Reminders:

- **Box Tops:** Please remember to hand in those Box Tops. The final deadline is February 16th.
- Shop & earn money for Nixon Elementary this holiday season by purchasing gift cards & certificates thru the Scripp program. For more information, please go to the Nixon website and check out the PTA Fundraising section. An email will also be sent out with all the details!

Character Education Morning Announcements (2 per day):

Kindergarten: Fairness
23-Joseph F. & Giuliana F.
24-Samantha G.& Julia G.
25-Sydney H. & Christopher L.
26-Zachary O.& Ejona R.
27-Derek R.& Aiden K.
30-Annika S. & Diego G.
31- Will O. & Natalie D.
February 1 -Brandon M. & Shawn R.



Character Education AFTERNOON Announcements:

23-Isabella N.

24-Ilana T.

25-Madison Y.

26-Gianna M.

27- Sebastian A.

30- Karmen G.

31- Brandon F.

February 1 – Isaiah A.

2- Michael T.

3 - Taylor H.

Birthdays:

January:

24 – Jonathan S.

27 – Max S., Aidan D.

28 – Michelle M.

30 – Karmen G. .

31 – Timothy T.

Half Birthdays (JULY):

24 – Anthony B, Michael Tanner (PM)

25 – Valerie N

26 – Megan R, Carolina C., Gabriel F, Diego F

27 – Carly D, Mrs. Carroll, and Mr. Kuti

28 – Audrey V

29 – Kaia G, Mrs. O'Malley

31 – Aiden K, Mrs. Freund