

# Principal's Newsletter

## January 2017



### Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed the Winter Break and your family shared many wonderful moments! As the New Year arrives, there are academic opportunities and experiences planned for your child. Our goal at DP Morris is to have all students reading on grade level by the end of the school year. Your support at home is greatly appreciated!

Family Literacy Night was a huge success! There were approximately 88 families that attended. Thank you for attending this event and supporting our school-wide goal. Reading is a skill that improves with practice.

School attendance is extremely important to student success. Attending and arriving to school on time significantly teaches responsibility and increases your child's success in academic achievement. Remember, checking your child out early is considered missing classroom instruction and is counted as a tardy.

### Dressing for the Weather

Now that the weather is changing and temperatures are dropping, dressing your child appropriately for the weather is important. Students will be sent outdoors for recess, weather permitting. It is important for the students to get fresh air when they can. Please make sure your child has a coat, gloves or mittens, and a hat to keep them warm at recess.

### Upcoming Events:

January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Student Holiday/Teacher Workday  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students 1<sup>st</sup> Day Back!  
January 5<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Sent Home  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – “E” Picnic  
January 10<sup>th</sup>- Reading and Writing CBA  
January 12<sup>th</sup> – Planetarium and Science Museum – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip  
January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
January 17<sup>th</sup>. Math CBA  
January 18<sup>th</sup> – Spelling Bee 8:15 am  
January 19<sup>th</sup>- Science CBA  
January 19<sup>th</sup>- PTA Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Performance 6:00 pm  
January 26<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports go Home

### Valentine's Day Class Parties

February 14, 2017

2:15-3:30 pm



### Morris Spelling Bee

Date: January 18, 2017

Time: 8:15 am

Where: Morris Cafeteria



### Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year! Often January is a time for looking forward and trying new things, attempting challenges, and setting fresh expectation or goals. Our character trait for the month of January is “Goals”. We will be discussing how to set long term and short term goals and focusing on setting SMART goals.

**S - Specific, significant, stretching**

**M - Measurable, meaningful, motivational**

**A - Agreed upon, attainable, achievable, acceptable, action-oriented**

**R - Realistic, relevant, reasonable, rewarding, results-oriented**

**T - Time-based, time-bound, timely, tangible, trackable**

Gold will be the color used to represent our “Goals” character trait.

- If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.
- Set goals and stay focused.
- Strive to do your best.
- What you do matters, and one person can make a difference.
- Work hard to overcome difficulties.
- Sure and steady wins the race.

Have a wonderful 2017!!