



THE DRAGON'S VOICE

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DILIGENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
ATTITUDE
GRIT
OPEN-MINDEDNESS
NO OPPORTUNITY
WASTED

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Welcome to 2023! We are very excited to see what the new year holds for our staff and students. We look forward to continuing to partner with our Dunbar families to have a strong second half of the school year.

Stay Connected!

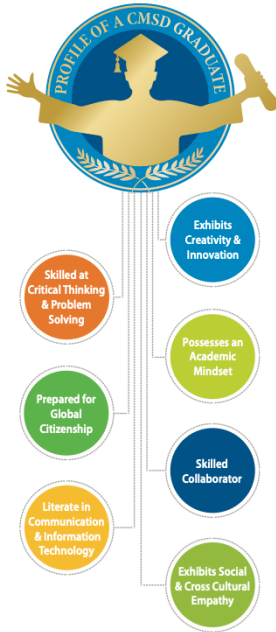
Please make sure you are using the LiveSchool app to stay up to date with student behavior. Also, log into Schoology to follow assignment completion. Don't forget to use the free educational applications in Clever, such as Waterford Reading for K-3, Think Central for 6-8 Science, IXL for 6-8 Math, Study Island, Edmentum, and Seesaw. If you need help with technology or logging in please contact Mr. Murphy by calling the school or by email at neil.murphy@clevelandmetroschools.org.



WORK, STUDY, SERVE, LEAD!

Profile of a Graduate

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CMSD GRADUATE



This year, as a part of our school's Academic Achievement Plan, we have chosen the two focus areas of: **Academic Mindset**

and **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**

These are words that your student is hearing in school daily. You can also use them at home as you speak to them about their academics!

Students Should:

- Be prepared and on time with assignments
- Have a growth mindset
- Learn from your mistakes
- Seek academic challenges
- Set and monitor goals
- Give and receive feedback



December Reflections



We closed out December with some wonderful events. A major shoutout goes to Mrs. Papa and her team for an awesome Winter Performance, and a thank you to Mrs. O'Brien for the beautiful winter set up. Thank you families for all of the positive compliments and feedback.

Our lower elementary students received a special visit from "Santa" and his "elves" who came over from St. Ignatius to spread joy and pass out gifts. The smiles and excitement were unmatched. At the same time, our upper elementary students welcomed some guest readers from St. Ignatius. We are very appreciative of this ongoing partnership. It was indeed a December to Remember!

Dunbar Student Resolutions



- "My goal is to be more kind to people."
- "My personal goal is to do better at baseball."
- "My piano goal is to learn more chords."
- "My goal at home is to do chores."
- "My goal is to read better."
- "My goal is to have a stronger academic mindset"
- "My ELA goal is to get better at typing."
- "My homework goal is to get my grades up."

Testing and Assessment

Families, please pay close attention to the fast approaching important testing dates. Here are some upcoming dates to take note of:

January 3-20: Gr. K-3 AimswebPlus Winter Benchmark

January 9-18: Gr. 2-8 ANet A2 Reading & Math Assessments

Jan 23 - Feb 16: NWEA Testing (Math/Reading, grades 1-8)

Here are some tips to help you support your students:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test.
- Make sure your child is present and on time each day.
- Encourage your child to eat a good breakfast. Research shows that children do better on tests if they have had a good breakfast.
- Provide positive reinforcement. Encourage them to simply do their best.
- Take an active role in your child's education throughout the school year. Let your child know you are interested in his/her learning by taking part in the entire process.
- When the scores are sent to you, talk to your child's teacher and/or principal. This will help you to understand them more clearly.

DON'T FORGET!

Please update your emergency contact information. A form is being sent home with your child to update your emergency contact information to ensure we have the most accurate phone numbers and email address on file in our system. Thank you for your attention to this request and for helping us to guarantee we can reach families during any crisis or emergency.

Thank you for completing the updated contact form and for partnering with us on this proactive safety measure.

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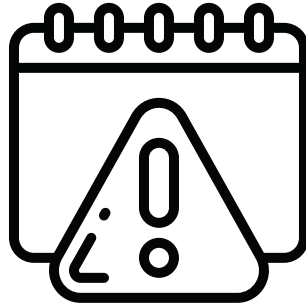


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January 16th - No School MLK Day

January 26th - Awards 10:30 a.m.(grades 4-8) Zoom Link will be available

January 27th - Q2 Awards 10:30 a.m. (grades 1-3) Zoom Link will be available

January 27th - Family Literacy Day - *more details to come*

January 31st - Attendance Pizza Party

February 22nd - Hearing Screening for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade

Family Support Services

For connections to resources, tutoring, support with mental and/or physical health services, housing concerns, and other support, please call the school office to be connected to our parent ambassador, Mrs. Ocasio or our family support specialist, Ms. Shanklin.

Water Bottles

Families, please remember to send a water bottle to school with your student(s) each day, to use to get water from one of our dispensers.



Parent Café

Our next Parent Cafe will be held via **ZOOM ONLY** on **January 20th from 9:45 am to 10:45 am.**

In a safe and relaxed environment, families are given time for Q&As and resources will be provided such as: resume-building, information about after school programs, upcoming workshops, etc. At in-person events, snacks and drinks are provided along with activities and prizes.

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