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February Update

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Dear Hearst Families!

I cannot believe we are in the month of February! I am incredibly excited that this week marks the start of Black History Month. A wise man, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., once said, "We are not makers of history. We are made by history."

During this month, we plan to celebrate those individuals that paved the foundation for us to continue to build on. I want to encourage our students that their voices and words have power and when positively put to use can bring significant change. The Assembly Committee and teachers have planned engaging activities for our Warriors to learn about a mixture of historical and current African American figures making a positive impact on society. We hope you can join us for our Black History Month Celebration scheduled for February 23rd. Be on the lookout for more details coming soon.

Mrs. Chrobak

Please see below for exciting news, updates, and information...

Black History Month

A special "THANK YOU" to the Hearst Staff for collaboratively and putting together some wonderful learning events for our students. Our students and teachers will spend time learning about the important contributions of African Americans to our nation's history. The students will proudly present and share their knowledge during our Black History Month Celebration!

Be sure to join us as we honor the contributions of African Americans and support our students learning together.

Safety at Hearst

This year at Hearst, we conducted fire drills, shelter in place drills, lockdown drills, allergen training, and bus evacuation drills. Teachers guide your children through these drills with age appropriate explanations

and I will encourage parents to do the same. After school wide drills, we debrief with the staff and modify plans and procedures as needed.

I just completed a CPS wide training on school safety. It has provided some good reminders for us as school staff and I want to provide some updates and reminders for parents. It takes an entire community to keep our school safe. Please understand that some of our safety procedures are inconvenient, but are in place for the safety of children first.

Please review the safety reminders on the back of this newsletter. We are grateful to have parents as partners in education.

Winter Recess

As long as conditions are safe, we will go outside for recess during the winter months. Please send students to school with appropriate clothing (coat, hat, gloves, pants, etc.)

Hearst's Attendance-90.1%

Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. Our goal is 95%! Raising our attendance rate is one of our ongoing priorities to ensure continued growth and success! As a reminder, each time your child is absent from school, an absence note is required when they return.

****Good attendance includes arriving at school ON TIME! Hearst has been experiencing EXCESSIVE daily tardies! School begins at 8:45 daily. The tardy bell rings at 8:52. Students arriving after 8:52 are considered tardy and this is reflected on their permanent record. Please make sure your child is at school by 8:45! Excessive tardies may result in disciplinary consequences.**

Progress Reports Sent Home-February 8th

As you review your child's progress report, please know that these grades are not final. Any missing assignments can be turned in or submitted to your child's teacher(s) before report card grades are finalized. We want to ensure that their grade correctly reflects their understanding of the material. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their assignments or progress.

Save The Date!

**No Classes for Students
FEBRUARY 9th - School
Improvement Day
FEBRUARY 19th - Presidents Day**

Important Links

- [SY23/24 CPS Calendar](#)
- [Hearst School Website](#)
- [Hearst School Registration](#)
- [Hearst February CALENDAR](#)