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Parents and Guardians:

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March has arrived and soon we will be feeling "Spring Fever" and hopefully Spring weather is on its way as well. In the meantime, please remember to make sure your child is dressed warmly for this still bitter cold end-of-winter weather. The weather can still be unpredictable, so make sure your child is dressed for the changing weather.

*The 2nd Quarter ended last month, and I would like to take this opportunity to **CONGRATULATE** all of our students with perfect attendance for the 2nd quarter. Hearst will continue with Attendance incentives including our Personal Tablet giveaway. The next drawing will be held on April 22nd! March is also the month for State required testing for students in grades 3-8. Please check the calendar for testing dates and make sure your child is in school. We have minimal make-up days for students who have legitimate reasons for missing school. Doctor appointments should be scheduled before or after school. We encourage all students to get a good night's sleep the nights before each test and to eat a good breakfast.*

Mrs. Chrobak

Black History Month Event

A special "THANK YOU" to the Hearst Staff for collaboratively putting together a wonderful learning event for our students. It was obvious that students and teachers spent time learning about the important contributions of African Americans to our nation's history. The students who presented were prepared, used their speaking skills, and beamed with WARRIOR pride as they shared their knowledge. The success of this event can be attributed to EVERY staff member. The dedication of our teachers goes beyond to ensure that our students are always given opportunities to show off their learning. BRAVO!

Progress Reports/Report Cards

Progress Reports and Report Cards

Third quarter progress reports will be sent home Friday, March 6. Third quarter report card pick up day is Wednesday, April 22nd. This is a non-attendance day for students. Pick up hours will be communicated when available.

LSC Elections

LSC members are elected by parents and community residents in an election held every two years. All parents, community members and teachers who want to strengthen their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required. Every LSC candidate must fill out a set of forms available in the main office of any Chicago Public School, CPS Network Offices and the Office of Local School Council Relations (125 South Clark, 5th Floor). Completed forms must be submitted to the school where you intend to run by 3:00 p.m. on March 5th, 2020. This year, **elections will be held April 22, 2020** for elementary school LSCs and April 23, 2020 for high school LSCs. Teacher representatives and the non-teaching staff representative are appointed by the Board, following a preference poll of all full-time staff. The school principal is automatically a member of the LSC. Please contact Mr. Felix in the Main Office for more details.

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March ATTENDANCE Challenge

March is the month of DANCE “MADNESS” attendance at Hearst school! To promote 100% in the month of March, we’re challenging every student to be in school and engaged in learning every day! Students with perfect attendance in March will BE INVITED TO A POPCORN & DANCE PARTY on Tuesday, March 31st. To join the challenge, it is simple: mark your attendance on a daily basis any way you wish. At the end of March, turn in your completed form to the office.

Hearst Attendance:

Year to Date Attendance is 93.9% Our Goal is 96%

LET’S DO THIS WARRIORS!!!

Health Safety at HEARST

The health and safety of our students is our top priority, and we are writing to update you on an evolving health issue involving a new coronavirus that has emerged from Wuhan, China over the past few weeks. CPS is working closely with the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and carefully heeding the advice of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Here are important actions we can all take to protect others and ourselves from this virus:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze—and remember to wash your hands afterwards.
- Avoid close contact with sick people. If you are sick, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other urgent necessities.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

Go Warriors!

Sincerely,
Teresa Chrobak-Prince



IMPORTANT!

Hearst School Safety ALERTS

March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

PARENTAL CONCERNS (Guidelines)

A parent/guardian who has a question or concern regarding a situation involving his/her child is urged to follow these guidelines:

1. Contact the student's teacher to discuss the concern and work with the teacher to arrive at possible solutions. Appointments with the teacher will be made by writing a note requesting a conference or by calling the school office to make an appointment.
2. If the concern cannot be resolved with the teacher, the parent/guardian should then request a conference with an administrator. After discussing the situation with both parties, the administrator will act as a facilitator in making every effort to resolve the issue. Every effort should be made to resolve questions, concerns, and problems as soon as possible.
3. Parents and other guests must enter through main entrance and sign in at the security desk
4. Students should enter the building with their teachers in the morning
5. The staff parking lot is off limits to parents and families during school days

DISMISSAL

At Hearst we are committed to making sure that our students are safe in and around school. Please help us keep our children safe at dismissal. Parents/Guardians must pick up their children at dismissal unless prior authorization has been given to the main office. Students who are not picked up at dismissal will be escorted to the main office so a parent can be notified. Please make sure that emergency information is correct. We must be able to contact a parent/guardian in case of emergency. Middle school students are allowed to walk home after school with no written or verbal permission from a parent. This permission form is only needed for Kindergarten-5th grade students. Kindergarten—2nd Grade students ARE NOT allowed to walk home without being accompanied by an approved older sibling or adult.

Parents are reminded that the corner store on 47th & LaPorte has asked for students to not hang out in the store before or after school.

PLAYGROUND

For safety reasons, Hearst students may not play on the playground after dismissal. There is no staff on duty to supervise students. The playground is closed whenever there are school activities being held after hours. In general the playground is closed **Monday-Friday 6AM-5PM or whenever school is in session**. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe.

UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES/DEVICES

The staff of Hearst School share parental concerns for the safety of children. If you wish for your child to have a cellular phone, the office must have a complete Official Request for a Cellular Phone form on file. Students **MUST** turn off their cellular phones upon entering the building and turn it into their homeroom teacher in the morning. Their phones will be returned to them at the end of the day. ***If your child's cellular phone is confiscated during the day, he/she will be assigned an after school detention on a Friday. Their confiscated phone will only be released to a parent/guardian after the student has served his Friday Detention. A second infraction will lead to a Saturday Detention which are only held once a month. Parents may retrieve confiscated cell phones in the office after the Saturday Detention has been served. A third infraction will lead to an out-of-school suspension for 1-3 days.*** As always, students will be allowed to make emergency phone calls in the main office. In case of a medical, family, or other emergencies please call the main office at (773) 533-2376. **The following is stated in the *Chicago Public School Student Code of Conduct: 2-12 and 3-11***

PARKING LOT

The parking lot is **CLOSED** for drop-off 8:30-8:52 and pick-up 3:30-3:55 EVERY DAY!

Remember that it is extremely dangerous (and illegal) to go around a school bus in front of the school. If you need to park and walk your child to school – do not park on Lamon Ave. and always use the crosswalk.