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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan:

- 2nd Return to school
- 18th Bagel Day
- 21st No School
- 22nd Math Night K-2@5:45
3-5@7:00
- 24th ½ Day 11:29
- 25th ½ Day 11:29
End of 2nd Card
Marking

Feb:

- 4-8th Book Fair
- 8th PJ's and Pancakes
- 13th Count Day
- 15th Bagel Day
- 17-21 Winter Break

Mar:

- 15th Bagel Day
- 22nd Cougar Carnival

Apr:

- 12th End of 3rd Quarter
- 19th No School
- 26th Skating Party 5-7
- 26th Bagel Day
- ~~Skating Party 5-7~~
- Daddy Daughter Dance

Instructional Leadership

As a principal, I wear many hats at our school. I work in the cafeteria, the playground, the office, and in the classroom as I am needed. In fact, it is easy in the busyness of my position to lose sight of my most important role in the school. Above all, my main role as a school principal is to be an instructional leader. This year, I have challenged myself to devote most of my day to this crucial role. Being an instructional leader means I spend 50% of my day visiting classrooms and working with teachers on implementing our school improvement plan. In the morning, I have set aside the time from 9-11 am and, in the afternoon, I spend about an hour, (this time varies based on the needs of the building). If you need to meet or speak with me during this time, please call the main office and Ms. Kociemba or Mrs. Watkins are happy to take a phone message or add a time to meet to my office calendar. Please know I appreciate your support as I dedicate my time to instructional leadership.

PR.I.DE. (Positive Respect, Integrity, Dedicated Effort)

Results of PBIS Survey -

We had 262 families take our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Survey. The survey was given by our grant partner, the Macomb Intermediate School District. In 2017, Schwarzkoﬀ was a part of a grant application for a PBIS reboot. PR.I.DE. (Positive Respect, Integrity, and Dedicated Effort) began this year. The results of our survey are in and indicate Schwarzkoﬀ is doing well. The survey asked parents to rate the school in 5 key areas (Teaching and Learning, School Safety, Interpersonal Relationships, Institutional Environment, and Parental Involvement) using a 4-point scale. Parents gave our school the highest rating (3.81) on Teaching and Learning. Parents believe our teachers have high standards, work hard to make sure students do well, and promote academic success for ALL students.

The lowest average score was in Interpersonal Relationships. Although parents rated the statement, "Teachers treat all students with respect" highly (3.81), the statement "All students are treated fairly at my students' school." had the lowest score (3.69). This data matched the data from the student and staff survey regarding student behavior. As a result of the survey data, the staff will be working with the students to create a series of videos about Positive Respect. We believe in working with our students to teach them how to treat one another.

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Breakfast 8:05 – 8:25

Lunch

11:10 – 11:35 K

11:15 – 11:35 6th

11:20 – 11:40 3rd & AIM

11:35 – 11:55 4th

11:40 – 12:00 5th

11:45 – 12:05 1st

11:45 – 12:05 2nd

Recess

11:35 – 11:55 K

11:35 – 11:55 6th

11:40 – 12:00 3rd & AIM

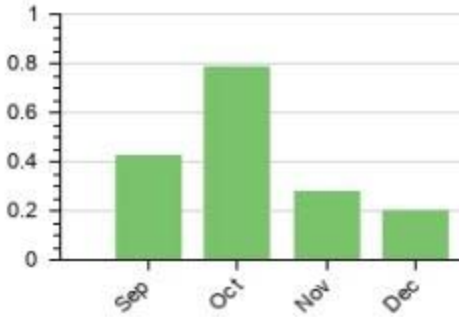
11:55 – 12:15 4th

12:00 – 12:20 5th

12:05 – 12:25 1st

12:05 – 12:25 2nd

The area with the lowest score from the Family Survey was on parent involvement. The statement, “I frequently volunteer to help on special projects at my student’s school.” received a score of 2.98. This data reflects a need for improved parent involvement in our school. Our Schwarzkoﬀ Volunteer Group meets every month and welcomes your participation. Working together we can make our school a great place for our students.



December PBIS Data-

Our building wide PBIS data for December continues our positive trend down with a total of 5 office referrals for the month. This month we also began a new program called Check In and Check Out. This positive intervention identifies students who benefit from one on one adult interaction and behavioral and academic goal setting. Our PBIS team spent a day at the MISD learning about the Check In and Check Out intervention. Special thanks to Marie Phillips (EL teacher) and Shellie Kociemba (Office Administrative Assistant) for volunteering to be our Check In and Check Out coordinators.

NWEA Winter Testing

January brings cold weather and marks the half way point of the school year which means it is time for the students to complete their NWEA winter testing. Each student will have a math and ELA winter RIT goal. Be sure to check in with your student about their winter goal and their progress. Students that are making adequate progress will meet their goal. Students who miss their goal, have plenty of time to work towards the Spring goal, but extra time should be spent at school and home focusing on reading and math practice. Be sure to set aside at least 15 minutes each school night to engage in reading with your child. Our building wide take-home reading program provides each student with a book at their instructional reading level. Monitoring your students as they read this book aloud ensures they are gaining the necessary literacy skills to have lifelong academic success.

Title 1 Math Night

On Tuesday, January 22nd, Schwarzkoﬀ Math Consultant Carrie Slancik will host the first ever Math Night. This parents only event will include 2 sessions. K-2 will be from 5:45-6:45 and 3-5 will be from 7:00-8:00. (6th grade is not included only because the math series only goes through grade 5, but 6th parents are welcome to attend). Ms. Slancik will be discussing the new math series and some of the strategies for each appropriate grade level. All parents that attend will receive a bag of take-home math resources. Arabic and Chaldean translation services will be available. Please put this important event on your calendar.

Coming Up

May:

- 10th Muffins with Mom
- 17th Bagel Day
- Mother / Son
@Jimmy Johns
- 31st Field Day

June:

- 4th Donuts with Dad
- 6th Field Day Rain Date
- 7th Safety and Service Squad
Bowling
- 10th Kindergarten Promotion
- 13th ½ Day
- 14th 6th Grade Promotion
9:00
- Last ½ Day School