

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

Scholastic Book Fair

- Thank you for your support!!
- Scholastic Dollars balance = \$7,620.75
 - Staff is given a budget during Spring ordering for materials for their classroom
 - School wide materials are also replenished, such as headphones & rugs
 - Scholastic Dollars is also used to fill any remaining “wish list” items from staff they selected at the Fall & Spring fairs
- For the spring, thinking of ways to promote that our community can shop our fair to support our school (during 2 evening/after-school events or online)

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Scholastic Book Fair (continued)

- *All for Books* program
 - We offer various raffles throughout the fair
 - Donate your change at the register to “pull a pencil” (and chance to win a poster)
 - Family event “spin the wheels”
 - This money was previously donated towards the final purchase of \$5 or less books to those who did not shop. We will instead gift students donated books (or if needed, books purchased with Scholastic Dollars prior) and make explicit that any change donated or raffles will be a donation to “help our school and students”... these funds will be used to purchase books for our library (QPS provides a \$1,000 budget to the library annually)

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BKS News - January

- Extended Day programs sign ups going out this week
 - Please sign up if you are waitlisted from Session 1. You will get first priority.
 - Programs will run January 22 to March 7th
 - We will have a sign up window and then randomly draw names as a system of equity
- Kindness Week - Week of January 16th
 - Student Council will be organizing a theme for each day that will give students and staff inspiration for creative ways to show kindness to each other.
- Friday, January 12 - BKS Staff CKLA Coaching

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BKS News - January

- Winter Benchmark Testing - throughout month of January
 - Specific testing information can be found in the January Newsletter
 - Teachers will share classroom testing dates
 - Integrated Learning Team (ILT) meetings will take place end of January/beginning of February
 - Reports will be shared with families prior to February break

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BKS News - February

- Jump Rope for Heart - Kick off assembly - Wednesday, February 7
 - Program in PE classes the following week
- Lunar New Year - Saturday, February 10
 - BKS Annual Parade & celebration planning by our Assembly Coordinator team, details will be announced in February Newsletter
- 5th Grade Leadership Summit for Student Council - Thursday, February 15th

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BKS News - On the horizon...

- MARC Assembly
 - Would like to schedule for Grades 4-5
 - Family presentation?
- DEI Funds: Guest speakers
 - Teacher PD
 - Author Tracy Guan: two 1 hour sessions (Kindergarten and 1st) \$250 per session, which includes 15 books per session. Mrs. Kennedy will coordinate upon approval.

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BKS News - On the horizon...

- Safety and security: please always use sidewalks and crosswalks!
 - Spread the word! Be a model for our children!
 - Requests for additional signs & support of our crossing intersection was submitted to the Superintendent's office during December visit

- Grade 5 End of Year Planning Meeting for Families
 - Monday, March 4th at 5:15pm (before our next PTO meeting)

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Questions?

Thank you!