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Dear Parent/Guardian,

February has arrived and with it Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day and the start of the second half of the 2017-18 school year. We will continue to work very hard to ensure that your youngster has the necessary skills to be successful in his/her subject classes and can demonstrate proficiency on the upcoming NYS assessments in English and mathematics. Please remember that we have an extensive after school academic support program with classes in reading, math, social studies and science, as well as a Saturday program for English language learners.

Report cards were distributed in January. Parents of students who currently are not meeting promotion criteria and are at-risk of being held over will receive a **Promotion in Doubt** letter very shortly. If you receive the letter, please make sure to contact your child's teachers and/or assistant principal and make every effort to attend **Parent Teacher Conferences on March 6th**.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND EXCITING NEWS

RESPECT for ALL: Anti-Bullying program for 7th and 8th grade classes will be held on Friday, February 2nd at 12:45 and at 1:30 PM.

Our **Citizen of the Month Celebration Breakfast** honoring our January Citizens and their parents will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 8:30 AM.

PTA MEETINGS

This month our PTA meeting will be on Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM. Come join us for a **Family Yoga Session**.

PARENT WORKSHOP: Strategies to Combat Stress seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

PARENTS AS ARTISTS: Our **Parents as Artists** event, **Hands on Art**, will be held on Tuesday, February 27th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Our art teachers will host an evening demonstrating different art techniques and mediums. Please join us for this fun-filled event!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
2	RESPECT for ALL special assemblyParents Welcome!
15	Citizen of the Month Breakfast
15	Evening PTA Meeting.....Family Yoga
16	Lunar New Year – SCHOOL CLOSED
19-23	Presidents' Week – SCHOOL CLOSED
27	Parent Workshop.....Strategies to Combat Stress
27	Parents as Artists..... Hands on ArtFamilies Welcome!

HELPING OTHERS

Our school community conducts various fundraisers throughout the year. I am pleased to announce we raised \$1000 during the first part of the school year for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico. We also were able to raise another \$1000 which was donated to the "Make a Wish" foundation.

We hope to see you at many of the events described above. I look forward to continuing our work together!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman
Principal