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From the Principal's Corner...

We are officially into the second half of the school year and well into second semester. Report cards were sent home with students yesterday. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for February 19th and 21st from 4 – 7:45 p.m. I hope you will mark it on your calendar and plan to come to the school to visit with your child's teachers. It is so beneficial to have face to face conversations to support your child's academic success. If you are unable to make it to conferences, please don't hesitate to email a teacher to discuss progress.

Congratulations to Ezekiel Noel, 8th grader who is the District winner of the spelling bee. Zeke will move on to region completion.

Snow Daze has taken place this week, February 11th – 15th. The theme for the week was games. Dress up days included: Guess Who?, Dress up as someone else, Cranium, Nerd day, Chess, Black and White day, Life, Dress in college/future career attire and Battleship Color Wars on Friday, 7th grade Red, 8th grade Green, 9th grade Purple, 10th grade White, 11th grade Blue, 12th grade Black and Staff Gray. Coronation will take place at 2:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13th in the Theater. A dodgeball tournament took place throughout the week during noon hour with the championship games on Friday along with a Talent Show. Instead of a dance this year, Student Council had chosen to have a game night. However, due to rescheduling of basketball games, game night is rescheduled for a later date. Admission for game night will be \$7.00. 6th – 8th graders to participate from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and 9th – 12th graders to participate from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

PBIS has initiated Celebrate Success which recognizes and awards students quarterly who have received passing grades in all classes, have zero unexcused absences or tardies and no discipline referrals. First quarter students who qualified were recognized for their extra great effort by receiving a pack of Extra gum. Second quarter students received a packet of M & M's for a marvelous job.

MCA testing is around the corner for students in grades 7, 8, 10 and 11. I want to stress the importance and value of encouraging students to do their best. Test scores are part of 4th quarter grading for English, Mathematics and Science. Students in grades 10 and 11 who receive a passing score do not have to take the Accuplacer. The MCA score is accepted in place of the Accuplacer which is given in May. Parents please do what you can to encourage your student to do take their time and do their best on each test as well as get plenty of sleep during the testing window.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please feel welcome to stop by the office or give us a call. Your input is appreciated.

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Go Raiders!