



News and Notes from Dr. Emerson's

Friday, February 10, 2017

no love is greater
than mom's love



no care is greater
than dad's care

Next Week at a Glance:

- Monday, February 13:** African American Family Involvement Day
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 14:** AM Strategy JAMs
- Wednesday, February 15:** AM Strategy JAMs
Academic Recognition, Cafetorium
6th Grade 9:00-9:45
8th Grade 2:10-2:50
7th Grade 3:05-3:45
- Thursday, February 16:** AM Strategy JAMs
Sinfonia, Cafetorium,
6th and 8th grade 1:15-2:15
7th Grade 2:30-3:15
Student-Involved Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 17:** Student-Involved Parent/Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Henry HS: The 8th graders toured Henry High School this week. Students were able to learn about Henry from students and staff members. They were also able to tour the building and get a sense of how big a high school is. Thank you to the 8th grade team for a well-organized adventure and to 8th grade counselor, Marin Thuen, for setting up the trip.

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Parent Involvement Day – Celebrating African American History and Culture: Parents you are invited to shadow your student on Monday, February 13. This is a great opportunity for you to visit your student’s classes, meet with Olson staff, and have lunch with your student.

Academic Recognition for Quarter 2: We will celebrate our students on Wednesday, February 15, at our Quarter 2 recognition ceremonies. Ms. White has organized the event and sent out the communication.

Student-Involved Conferences: We are asking parents to bring their students to conferences so that both the student and teachers can highlight strengths and areas for improvement. These are student-involved conferences because we want the students talking about their goals, their hopes and dreams, and what they will commit to for success in their classes.

You do not need to make an appointment. Parents and students are welcome Thursday evening and Friday during the day.

IB Training: Teachers spent part of their day on January 30th learning to plan IB units. As we continue to train our teachers, we also continue to teach our students vocabulary and content connected to IB MYP.

Strategy JAMs: Our teachers huddle each morning for five minutes to talk about strategies they will use consistently as part of engaging students throughout the day. This “Just A Minute” (JAM) meeting has been a very productive activity for our teachers as they prepare for our students each morning.

CLR Coaching for Teachers: Our teachers are receiving professional development in becoming Culturally and Linguistically Responsive (CLR) teachers. This means they are learning strategies to engage students at the highest level. In classrooms where teachers are consistently using CLR strategies, we see high levels of student engagement and learning.

Sinfonia: On Thursday, our students will get a classical music experience as an orchestra known as Sinfonia will be coming to Olson U. The Minnesota Sinfonia is a professional, non-profit chamber orchestra offering free-admission concerts and educational programs in and around the Twin Cities.

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*Parents are the ultimate
role models for children.
Every word, movement
and action has an effect.
No other person or outside
force has a greater
influence on a child than
the parent.*

- Bob Keeshan

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