



News and Notes from Dr. Emerson **Monday, February 27, 2017**

This week at a glance:

Monday, February 27:	AM Strategy JAMs
Tuesday, February 28:	AM Strategy JAMs
Wednesday, March 1:	AM Strategy JAMs
Thursday, March 2:	Olson Parent Group Meeting 6:00-7:30 p.m., Media Center
Friday, March 3:	AM Strategy JAMs

Black History Day Celebration: Olson students have talent! What a great way to celebrate-- with song and dance and stepping! I really appreciate the number of parents and family members that attended our event last Friday. Your support for your students and our continued partnership give us the greatest opportunity to maximize each student's brilliance.

I appreciate Ms. White's work for orchestrating the event and getting our students to bring their talent to the show. I am also very proud of Mr. Hadley and Ms. Capistrant for their work with the band and the choir.

Taste Test: As one of the schools that participate in the MPS Culinary & Wellness Services' Taste Test program, Olson has the opportunity to give input and feedback about whether or not a new food will be introduced into the district meal program. So, our students do have a voice in what eventually does or does not go on the menu.

Ms. White and the student council coordinated a taste test for Southwest Pinto Dip during lunches last Friday. The verdict was that the bean dip was pretty good and would be really good with chips.

Olson Fully Staffed: On February 21, we welcomed Jordan Bennett to our school as an SEA in the CLASS program. With Jordan joining our team, Olson is officially fully staffed.

Budget 2017-18: Our budget allocation is being delayed. Superintendent Graff will be releasing school allocations after he meets with the School Board. This means that we will not get our allocation until after March 1.

The superintendent did state that school allocations will be reduced by 2.5%. We don't know exactly what this means but stay tuned.

Strategy JAMs (Just A Minute): Our teachers huddle each morning for five minutes to talk about strategies they will use consistently as part of engaging students throughout the day.

