

January 14, 2018

Dear Titan Parents and Guardians,

We had a great start to the new semester this past week. It was wonderful to greet all of our terrific Titans on Monday! Remember that we have a holiday this week (Monday, January 15th) as we observe Martin Luther King, Jr. day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16th. You should have received your child's report card in the mail by now. Note that this was the last time we will be mailing out report cards via the U.S. mail. Starting with the next progress report (January 26th), we will no longer mail any progress reports or report cards, as they are viewable only Skyward Family Access. To view progress reports or report cards, please [download and follow these instructions](#). With each progress report and report card moving forward, we will send you notification via email that the progress report/report card is available for viewing in Skyward.

If you are the parent of a child who has special needs, is serviced by Section 504, has ADD/ADHD, or who struggles with learning in some kind of way, you might be interested in checking out a website called understood.org. They have some promising resources for parents. I took a tour through the website this weekend, and found some interesting and insightful things. I plan to revisit it and share with teachers, too.

Events and Deadlines coming up:

- 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend the **FBISD CTE (Career and Technical Education) Open House** at Dulles High School this **Wednesday, January 17th**. [Download this flyer](#) for more information or visit Eventbrite.com for more details and to get free tickets.
- Please join us this **Friday, January 19th**, for our monthly **Coffee with the Principal**. It will start at 9:30 in the library.
- The deadline to order a **2017-18 SLMS Yearbook** is **Thursday, January 25th**. Please visit Balfour.com to place your order. They cost \$35.00.
- All 8th grade students and their parents will want to mark their calendars for **8th Grade Parent Night** at SLMS; this will be on **Thursday, January 25th**, at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. It's a chance to hear from the counselors about course selection and more for high school.
- 8th grade students zoned to **Kempner HS** should attend "**COOG Fest**" on **Wednesday, January 31st**, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. [Download this flyer](#) for more information.
- **Career Day** for 8th grade students is **Friday, February 2nd**. We are still in need of additional exhibitors in the gym. Please contact Mrs. Brinson if you or someone you know can join us. You may reach her via email at nafecia.brinson@fortbendisd.com
- On **Saturday, February 10th**, please consider going over to Kempner HS to participate in the **FBISD "STEAM"-Fest** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). [Download this flyer](#) for more information or visit Eventbrite.com for more details and to get free tickets. This event is open to children of all ages.

In closing, we are planning to offer a tutorial bus this semester (hopefully within the month). This will be a service offered after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The bus would leave at 5:15 and would take students home throughout the attendance zone. It isn't designed to be door-to-door, but we will communicate what the drop-off locations will be once everything gets finalized. We will send out details about how this service will work soon. We just wanted you to know that we are planning to offer it, and if there is enough demand, we may consider adding a second bus. Stay tuned for details and the start date.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Keith Fickel