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Mission Statement:

Our number one priority is student achievement with high expectations being the responsibility of our entire school community.



Home of the Black Bears

Date: October 21, 2024

Hello Parents/Guardians,

During the first quarter, we completed all PM1 FAST administrations, celebrated our initial PBIS events, our clubs started to meet, and our sports season began. As we start the second quarter, we are going to use this momentum to propel us forward to winter break. Now, it is time to refine our interventions, continue to motivate our students with our PBIS program, prepare students for the different academic competitions, and continue to work hard on the field or the court. We will close the quarter with excellent musical and theatric performances and complete all PM2 FAST administrations.

As we start these next nine weeks, I wanted to share with you a story that I shared with my staff and with the students:

Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle: when the sun comes up, you'd better be running.

At times, as I visit classrooms, I see student apathy and disregard for classwork and tests, even when provided with opportunities to retake an assignment or a test whenever a student has failed either one of them. Last year, we worked hard for an A, and this year is no different. Yes, some of the challenges may be different, but my sense of determination has not wavered. I remain committed to having high expectations because I know what Black Bears are capable of. I need to ensure that our Black Bears know that when they get up every morning, they better be running!

Sincerely,

Dr. Francisco Rivera Mieles