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Mariner Families!

In addition to remaining a safe and happy school, we have also experienced some very positive academic growth for our students. When we compared our FAST Progress Monitoring (PM) 1 to PM2 at midyear, we found growth in both Reading and Math at all grade levels, K-8. In some areas we have already met our yearlong goals! Second quarter report cards are available through the parent and student portals, and individualized parent reports for our testing platforms have been sent home. Feel free to reach out to your student's teacher if you need additional information. Our teachers, paras, and support staff work tirelessly to meet the needs of each child, and it shows in our data. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you! We are a great community of people!

We recently celebrated our second quarter honor roll students and held middle school NEW YEAR FRESH START assemblies where I announced the relaunch of the National Junior Honor Society for grades 7 and 8. Students who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher during first semester will receive invitations to apply. In addition, I will be offering the Principal's Gold Honor Society to students in grades 3-6. Students in these grades who achieved a 3.5 GPA or higher during first semester will receive invitations to apply.

We would like to welcome two new additions to our middle school staff, Dan MacDonald is our STEM Teacher and Samuel Petkunus is our Foundational Math Teacher. Parents of students who have been identified to take advantage of these important academic electives will receive information in the near future.

We have activities planned for Celebrate Literacy Week, January 23-27, with our book fair kick off and evening event on the 26th. January 23rd is open house for incoming 6th grade students.

Liberty High School and Poinciana High School Business Academy are scheduled to visit our 8th graders in preparation for high school decisions.

We are keeping the FUN in fundamental! We have 3 elementary chorus and 12 middle school drama students going on to State competitions this month. Title IV funds were used to reduce the registration fees for these young artists. In addition, Title IV funds have been used to supplement our newly reinstated K-5 art program. Congratulations to Mr. Troop and his band for being invited to perform at Walt Disney World! This is an acknowledgement of their excellence!

I presented our Mid-year State of the School report to staff and to SAC. You will find the presentation to the right of this message.

Feel free to be in touch as needed.

In your service,

Dr. Melanie Cleveland
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Congratulations to the teachers listed below working on their teaching certifications in the following areas:

ESOL-E: Melanie Bleau, Janice Cadiente, Gayle Dans, Ruth Delgado, Kaye Jeremiah, Sophia Massop, Lorely Mercado, Ashley Petkunus, Jenna Pont, Vianka Reyes, Joalice Rivera Lawrence, Debra Urusky.

Andrea Holcomb: MG English 5-9, ESOL-E Ksenia Perez: Elem. K-6, ESOL-E Samuel Petkunus MG Math 5-9

Cynthia Thomas: ESE K-12, ESOL-E, Elem K-6 Samantha Vazquez: Elem. K-6, ESOL-E Gina Young: Elem K-6, ESOL-E