



Superintendent's Monthly Message
February 2017

The saying is supposed to refer to March, but I am looking back on our first month of the New Year and recognizing that it "came in like a lion and is going out like a lamb". We pushed our way through a false bomb threat and used the experience to reflect on security practices in the district. We recognized and acted on areas of improvement and were given confirmation in other areas. This resulted in the immediate revamp of our district communication system and the establishment of ongoing security goals. All in all, we turned that lemon into a pitcher full of lemonade!

This past week we held our first ever Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten round-up and open house, bringing in great interest for our early childhood programs. As a reminder, registration for Pre-K is due by February 10th and for Kindergarten is February 16th. This will ensure our budget development supports the appropriate class sizes for our youngest learners.

We kicked off the month of February with our Spirit Week, Forrestdale Pep Rally, and traditional Forrestdale vs. Holy Cross Basketball game. After seeing the school spirit demonstrated this week. I believe we are already winners and I have realized how much potential we have ignited in our students as a proud community. The rest of this month will be filled with balanced literacy and Morning Meeting training for our teachers, Wax Museums, JET Speech competitions, SGA Valentine events, Lunch with a Loved One, Pancake breakfasts, and parent-teacher conferences. This is in addition to the excellent level of instruction delivered by our teachers on a daily basis, inclusive of four great honorees this month:

Mrs. Keri Lecorchick- Deane Porter Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Carol Tagliareni- Forrestdale Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Deb Tomaino- Deane Porter Educational Services Professional of the Year
Mrs. Sandy Self- Forrestdale Educational Services Professional of the Year

As we push through the soul of winter, I encourage you all to use this Valentine's Day as a reminder to celebrate your loved ones. Jane Austen, reminds us, "There are as many forms of love as there are moments in time." That is a lot of loved ones to spread the love to, so don't waste another moment!

With pride.

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