

# John Will Elementary School

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I hope that you had a wonderful holiday break!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, Jan. 13th.

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Research has shown that children do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives. Attending parent/teacher conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed. A parent/teacher conference is a great opportunity to start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher, learn how to help your child do their best in school, and keeps you informed of your child's progress both academically and behaviorally. If you have not met with your child's teacher this school year, it's not too late. Contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. Kindergarten through fifth grade teachers are still holding partnership conferences with parents.

#### SECOND QUARTER HONORS ASSEMBLY

Our Honors Assembly will be held on Thursday, January 16th. Students in PreK through second grades, in addition to students in Mrs. Jones and Mr. Lloyd's classes, will be honored at 9:00 AM. Third through fifth grade students will be honored at 10:00 AM.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Arriving to school on time is extremely important if we want our children to excel academically. We have a large number of students who arrive to school after the tardy bell sounds. Instruction begins at 8:00 AM. When your child arrives to school late, he/she misses at least ten minutes of instruction. Ten minutes may not seem like a lot, but every minute counts during instruction.

#### NOTIFICATION IN HOW YOUR CHILD GETS HOME

Notification of changes in how your child should go home will no longer be accepted over the phone. Notice of a change in dismissal methods should be in writing or sent via email to your child's teacher or Ms. Smither (rsmither@mcpss.com).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Third Quarter begins- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Quarter 2 Honors Assembly- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> (start times are listed above)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No School)- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>
- National School Counselors Week- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- Mid-Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mari Gras Break- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

