

Dear Laurel Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We just wrapped up the month of January and we have so much to celebrate. A highlight for me was the MLK Oratorical competition. We had over 20 individual and group competitors who gave truly amazing speeches. All competitors are invited to perform at this month's African American History assembly on February 23rd so let's keep practicing. We wish all our finalists all the best as they move on to the District competition.

Our themes for the month are **Kindness** and **Good Sportsmanship**. You can support the development of these themes at home by encouraging, recognizing and celebrating acts of kindness (see checklist) and good sportsmanship.

February is a short month but promises to be a busy one nonetheless (please see calendar below). Our monthly **School Site Council** meeting is February 6th at 5:00. You can attend the meeting in person or virtually ([here](#)). This month we are looking at recent student test results and continuing the work of developing our 2024/25 Site Plan for Student Success. We celebrate the **Lunar New Year** with an assembly on February 8th. Families are welcome to attend. On February 9th, students will learn about different careers during our annual **Career Day** event. Our next **PTA Association Meeting** is February 22 at 6:00. This meeting is in person. All month long we also celebrate **African American History** which culminates with an assembly featuring student performances on February 23. Families are welcome to attend. There is another student performance on February 27 showcasing all that students have learned so far under the direction of their Cantare Con Vivo teacher. Families are welcome to attend this performance as well.

Please remember that school is closed on February 16 and 19th.

Have a great month of February. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to by email at John.Stangl@ousd.org. You can also follow us on Facebook at Laurel Lions and on Instagram at laurellions.

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