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Important Dates

- October 7/8th – CBM #1 for Unit #1
- October 17th – New Saturday School Date Instead of 24th
- October 19th – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2017 (ASN)**
- October 20th – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2016 (ASN)**
- October 21st – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2015 (ASN)**
- October 22nd – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2014 (ASN)**

Team and Family,

Welcome to the end of Unit #1! *As you know the end of unit one means that we will be collecting achievement data for the first five weeks of school with CBM #1. The best way to see how your child is performing is to come to the parent meetings in two weeks to hear how they did on CBM #1, what can be done at home, and learn about each academic class. Read the progress reports we are sending out regularly, go online to read PowerSchool grades, and stay up on the weekly paychecks too! Please read on to stay fully informed and connected with where we are in the year!*

ACADEMIC SUCCESS NIGHTS (ASN) DURING MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS IN TWO WEEKS!

- October 19th at 6pm for the Class of 2017**
- October 20th at 6pm for the Class of 2016**
- October 21st at 6pm for the Class of 2015**
- October 22nd at 6pm for the Class of 2014**

These evenings will include full presentations from all core academic teachers on how classes run and on how to best support your child at home with the content whether it is to enrich or remediate. All parent meetings are mandatory, but these are NOT to be missed by any parents. There will be sign ups also for It Takes a Village Committee teams.

COOKIE DOUGH

Cookie Dough selling is in full effect to make sure the end of the year Field Lessons go on as planned. This is a great way to benefit the school while people get to purchase something that rewards them. No junk here being sold... just tasty treats.

MAP TESTING #1 OF 3

KIPP has nationally moved away from the SAT-10 test to track student progress to a revolutionary new test by NWEA called the Measure of Academic Progress. This is a computer based reactive test that becomes more challenging or easier as the student gets answers correct or incorrect. This way the test fine-tunes the best measure of a child's present abilities, unlike

traditional paper and pencil assessments. Your child begins taking it this week for math and ELA. It takes about two hours, with very little impact on their school week.

Each student will take it three times per year and get their results within 48 hours! They get a short summary on their screen instantly after they take it too! The assessment sets goals with them for the next time they take it as well. We are excited to introduce this evolved system to better understand each child's needs and growth. More information will follow at parent meetings. If you want to read more about it go to: www.nwea.org/products-services/computer-based-adaptive-assessments/map

KIPP EMPOWER ACADEMY IN THE WORKS!

KIPP Empower (KAO's Elementary School) Needs Signatures!! In order to be chartered, KIPP Empower Academy needs to collect as many signatures as possible from parents whose children will be of kindergarten age for the 2010-2011 school year. Come in to the front office to put your name on the list. Bring in family members and friends to sign it as well! We need to hit our goal within the next two weeks! Feel free to reach out directly to Mike Kerr, KIPP Empower's principal, if you have any questions or have any connections to day care and Head Start centers in the community. His email is mkerr@kippla.org or you can call him on his cell at 323-907-9563.

Let's keep plowing forward. KAO has a goal of hitting an 880 API score next year to ensure that EVERY 8th grader is academically prepared for entering the best high schools in the country. Join us in making it happen by doing quality checks on your child's homework EVERY night. No excuses.

One Love,

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School Director

