

January 22, 2019

Dear KLE family,

It is hard to imagine that the mid-year is already here! We have had so many wonderful learning experiences, fieldtrips, and family/CommUNITY activities so far. I am extremely proud of our cooperative efforts to keep a focus on promoting a positive and supportive school culture at KLE. Mid-Year academic reports for our students on iReady have shown incredible schoolwide gains in Reading and especially Math. We need to work collaboratively to help this growth continue while further supporting students not making the expected gains. Our intervention programs have been instrumental, and additional morning tutoring for selected students has been added.

Our past week was action-packed! Together, the KLE family hosted a national community volunteer and STEAM Night for close to 175 participants, we had a fabulous "Welcome Back Dance" and we simultaneously had our AWESOME Attendance/Honor Roll Carnival while we received our District STEAM Designation Site Visit to evaluate this academically rigorous program in our school! On Friday, the Teacher Work Day, we hosted a Discovery Education training for the District's Digital Leadership Network with approximately 50 guests at KLE. Everything went very well and we were AMAZING!

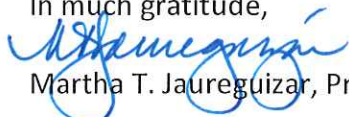
I am very proud to share that the KLE family scored 2.94 out of a total of 3.0 for the STEAM Site Visit!!! Our District leaders were highly impressed by the collaborative work of our team for the benefit of ALL our students. This level of excellence is a testament to the tremendous preparation and instructional delivery of our AMESOME teachers. A SPECIAL THANKS to our talented STEAM Chairperson, Mrs. Borges for her schoolwide leadership. The visit went extra smoothly thanks to the incredible guidance and feedback of Mrs. Borges, Mrs. Nuñez, and Mrs. Sanchez over the past few weeks. Many instructional team members were interviewed and their depth of knowledge and instructional passion came through brilliantly! Incredibly grateful and proud of our STEAM DREAM TEAM, on track to earn gold this year!

One significant concern I can share with you is our current attendance and especially punctuality rate. I am grateful to those families that make this a priority; however, this concern does impact a large number of students. Absences are understandable. I know children get sick and emergencies arise. I have been ill myself a few days. The key point is that we need your help to work with us because they are depending on you to get them to school on time, and to coordinate with us when they have missed important lessons too. Please help us in this capacity because it makes an enormous difference. We need you!

This time of year it is very important to reflect and commit to working together more so than ever, in order to benefit the academic as well as overall improvement of our beloved students. Thank you for your continued faith in us to serve your child at KLE. It is an honor for me to serve as principal.

May 2019 be filled with an abundance of health, happiness and love! 😊

In much gratitude,


Martha T. Jaureguizar, Principal