

# COLLEGE BOUND

## TO, THROUGH, AND BEYOND

### PRIMARY ACADEMY DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY



## DEPSA Primary Academy Announcements



Winter Break starts this week; **Thursday, December 19, 2019.**

We will return from break **Tuesday, January 7, 2020!**



- ▶ Our Winter Concert is Wednesday, December 18, 2019 @ 11:00am!
- ▶ Tickets are \$2.50

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DEPSA PA Principal  
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We are a **Nut-free, Fish-free and Citrus-Free** school. *(This includes peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, or any chocolate candy bars.)*

#### Attendance:



#### DEPSA school hours:

Bell Rings-7:50 am  
Tardy Bell Rings-8:05 am  
Full Day Dismissal-3:35 pm  
NO Early Pick up after 3PM

**\*Birthday celebrations are only on Fridays after 3pm. NO Exceptions!**

<b>MONDAY</b> 12/16	Full day of school 7:50-3:30
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/17	Full day of school 7:50-3:30 International Day Celebration / Ugly Sweater Day
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12/18	12:00 Dismissal for Students. Winter Concert: 11am
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12/19	Winter Break
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12/20	Winter Break

#### Reminders:

- 12/17- International Day Celebration
- 12/18- Early Dismissal / Winter Concert.
- 12/19- Winter Break Begins
- 1/7- Return from Winter Break



Through our school partnership with Pizza Hut, our scholars will receive Pizza Hut Book It coupons from their teacher when they meet the following expectations:

1. 100% of class returns Read and Respond on Friday.
2. Students receive an 80% or better average on their Cycle test.
3. Students turn in their Book Club projects for the week
4. Teams reach their team goals on their team score sheets.

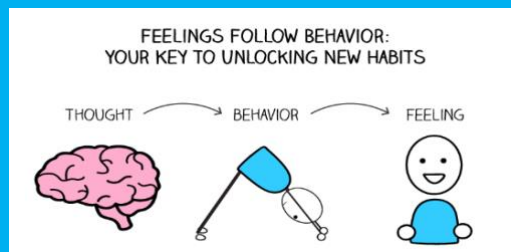
**\*Teachers will receive coupons on Monday. Please begin passing out this week and encouraging your students to develop a love of reading!**

## Teacher Contacts

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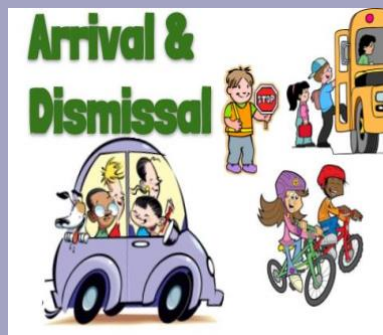
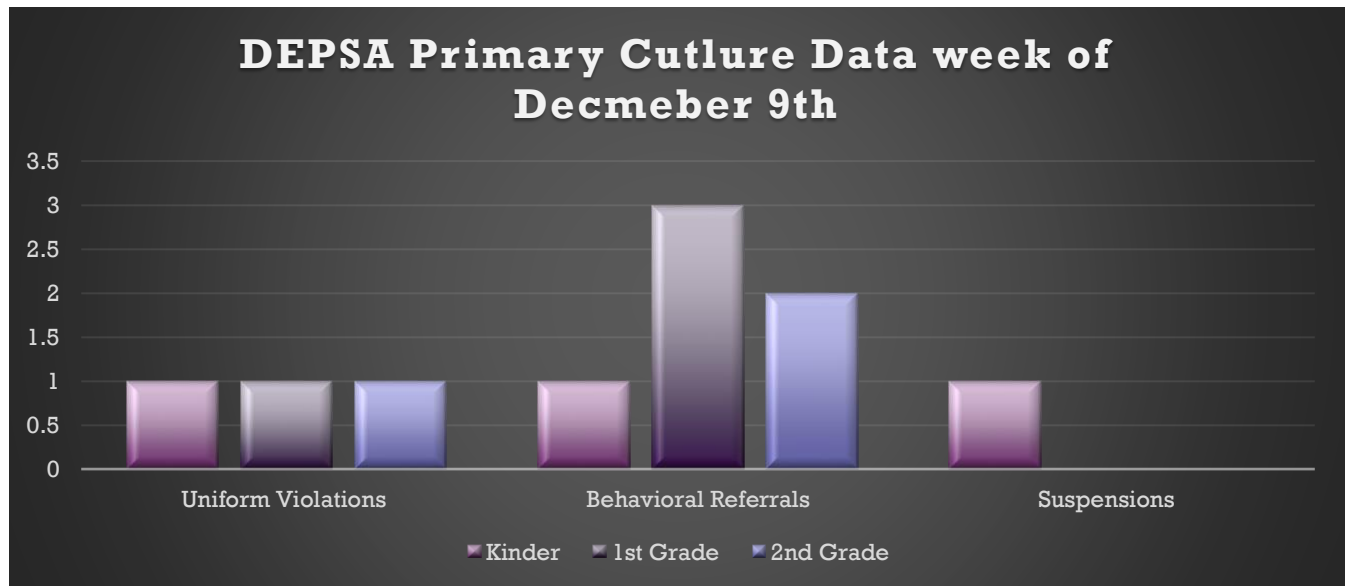


## Our Behavior System:

We are excited this year to have Mr. Moore, our Student Support Specialist (SSS) on our team! Mr. Moore is providing support for both Primary Academy. We believe in supporting the whole child, and Mr. Moore will lead our initiatives involving Attendance/Tardies, the Solutions process, Restorative Practice (Classroom Support and Teacher/Student support), as well as Initial Referrals (Class A) after the Discipline Progression has been followed by the teacher

DEPSA Cultural Expectations Summary

All month we will be keeping track of the expectations and cultural norms that students are supposed to know and follow. Such as school uniform procedures and appropriate behavior for the classroom. We are off to a good start with low numbers, with DEPSA having a high excellence expectation we will be looking for the numbers to decrease as the months go on! Thank you for your continuous support!



Parents, please ensure that students are dropped off at 7:50 a.m. when school starts. Students dropped off before 7:50 a.m. should be enrolled in Morning Enrichment. Students are NOT allowed to play on the playground without being supervised by an adult.

### ***Parent Tools!***

We now have a way that you can see what your child learned in class today and help with homework if needed. Please click this link and pay attention to teachers Dojos for exact lessons on which days. Thank you for your patience and support, we hope this helps!

- ▶ Here is a great link to the Kinder Vimeo Videos:  
<https://vimeo.com/channels/kchomelink>
- ▶ Here is a great link to the Reading Roots Vimeo Videos:  
<https://vimeo.com/channels/rrhomelink>



## Coach Corner:

### 9 Tips for Successful Holidays with Children

1. Prioritize sleep and rest. Children and parents who are well rested will behave better and be abler to control their emotions and curb impulsivity. If you know that the day will be long and energies will be depleted before the end of the day, consider starting the day a little later or taking a break to rest sometime during the day.
2. Plan ahead. Anticipate what your child will need and try to visualize events before they occur through the eyes of your child. Think about your child's regular routine and how it compares to holiday activities. Identify things you can do to make the days and activities more familiar to your child.
3. Have conversations with your children beforehand to prepare them for new people and experiences. Establish clear expectations for behavior and outline the order of events for your children to minimize the uncomfortable uncertainty of not knowing what may happen next. Answer your child's questions and check in with them throughout the day to hear what your child is thinking and feeling.
4. Take a break and spend some quiet time alone with your child if only for a few minutes to reconnect and have a cuddle. Being proactive in this manner can save the heartache of calming a crying child who feels overwhelmed and out of sorts.
5. Be flexible. Perhaps your regular expectations for your children differ from those of the other parents in terms of media use, food, and beverage consumption or noise levels. Give yourself permission to loosen some restrictions for the greater good of all and to maintain peace and harmony within the group.
6. Chances are that watching more TV than usual and eating processed junk food and drinking soda will not have a lasting negative impact on your child. Trust your child to understand (and tell them) that sometimes rules can be bent without being eliminated altogether.
7. Be gracious to the other adults in your group. Recognize that all the children (and families) are outside their regular routines and may not be displaying their best sides. Reserve judgment on others and concentrate on being proactive within your own family.
8. Relax and enjoy. Every moment does not have to be jam-packed with entertainment. Give the children (and yourself) some down time to be quiet, and perhaps even be a little bored. Read a book to yourself and to your child. Take a deep breath and stay in the moment. Smile. Snuggle with your child. Hug a loved one.
9. Take time to be with your child. Enjoy.

**Ugly Sweater Day**

'tis the season...  
TO ROCK  
**UGLY**  
**SWEATERS**



*Tuesday December 17, 2019 is Ugly Sweater day, Students may wear an ugly sweater with jeans. The best one wins a prize!  
Thank you.*



# 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

**K-5 DETROIT EDISON PUBLIC  
SCHOOL ACADEMY  
PRESENTS  
LION KING THEMED WINTER  
CONCERT!**



December 18th / 11am

Ticket Fee: \$2.50

Tickets will be sold at Depsa  
Economic Center  
@8:00am & 3:00pm

## PBIS:

Thank you for supporting our PBIS Celebration for our students!

PBIS stands for positive behavior intervention support. This is our behavior support system here at DEPSA where students have rules, rewards, and consequences. When students follow all of their classroom procedures and school rules, teachers and staff may give them points on Class Dojo. When students earn enough points, they may get rewarded at the end of the month with class parties or other rewards for good behavior.

100 points: Attend PBIS party

80 points: Free Dress

- Next PBIS Party: Friday, January 31, 2019

## Read & Respond and C3 Homework

The expectation is for students to complete homework every night and to return every day for teacher feedback.

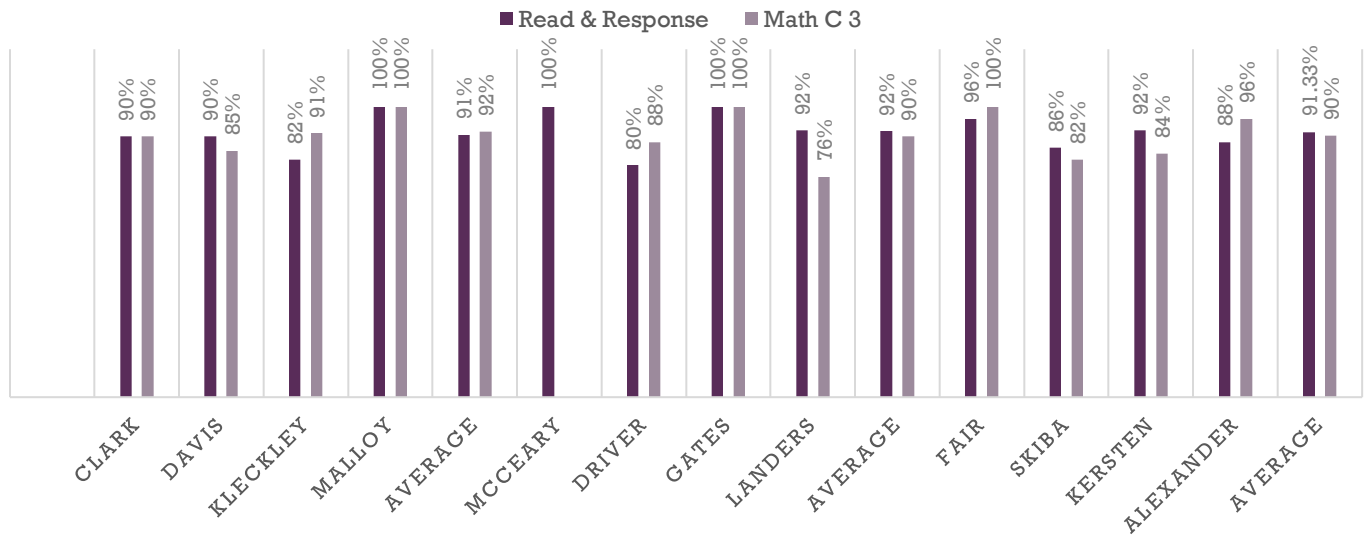
Please make and take the time now to push students on expectations with quality of work and accountability with turning in every day. The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week. C3s will start this week. Here are the results of last week's Read and Respond homework!

**Read & Response 100%:** Ms. Malloy, Ms. Gates and Ms. McCeary!

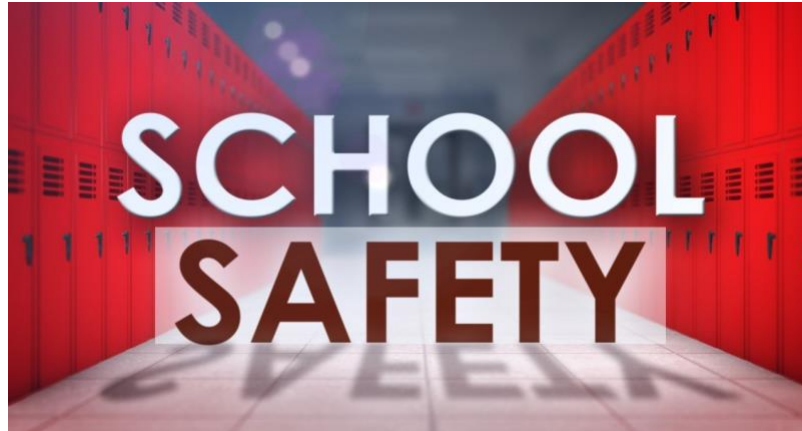
**C3 100%:** Ms. Malloy, Ms. Gates and Mrs. Fair!

## READ & RESPOND HOMEWORK RESULTS.

12.13.19







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October 30, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is encouraging all parents/guardians to have a conversation with your school-age children regarding an issue that has become all too prevalent, namely **threats to commit school violence**.


As periodic school shootings have become an unfortunate reality across the country, these incidents are naturally publicized in the news and social media. Experience has taught us that the publicity of these school shooting events often prompts a small subset of students to make similar type threats against their schools, teachers, and/or fellow classmates. In many of these cases, the student who made the threat tells investigators that they were "just joking" and seem genuinely shocked by how serious the consequences are for making the threat. Often they make the threat thinking that it is not a big deal as long as they did not plan to actually carry it out. Michigan law, however, makes it a crime to make a threat, **even if the person making the threat did not have the intent or the capability of actually carrying it out**.

When a threat is made we cannot immediately know whether the threat is a serious threat, or whether the threat is meant to be a so-called prank. Therefore, we in the law enforcement community **must take seriously every threat**, because to **not do so** would be to put your child at risk and the community at risk, and we simply cannot take that chance. My office takes these cases extremely seriously, not only because of the need to keep your child and the community safe, but also because of the disruption of the school environment and the significant expenditure of resources by the school and by law enforcement that even a "prank" threat causes.

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Please talk with your children. Help them understand that their words can have lifelong consequences. Students can be charged criminally with crimes such as False Threat of Terrorism or Threat of Terrorism. Both of these charges are **felonies** that carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison for an adult. It is worth noting that many seniors in high school are already 17 or older, which legally makes them an adult in the state of Michigan. In addition to the potential legal consequences, such charges may: affect a student's ability to get federal financial aid for college; cause them to lose college scholarships; cause them to be denied college admission; and result in them having to disclose pending cases or criminal convictions on job applications.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for working with my office to keep your children and our community safe.

Sincerely,  
  
Kym L. Worthy  
Wayne County Prosecutor



# SPOTLIGHT

## Coaches Corner

### COLLEGE-READINESS

- Be prepared
- Complete ALL work
- Turn in homework
- Be organized and give 100% everyday!

### History of the Day



**Rosanna Warren**, was born precipitously on July 27, 1953, on the kitchen floor of the cottage her parents were renting in Connecticut. Her father delivered her. Her life has calmed down since her arrival. Her parents, Robert Penn Warren and Eleanor Clark, were both writers. Her brother, Gabriel Warren, is a sculptor. Though home base was always Connecticut, the family spent long periods in remote villages in Italy and France.

Warren studied painting and comparative literature at Yale University, graduating in 1976. After several years of writing, painting, and odd jobs in Paris, Venice, and New York, she attended the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University, receiving her M.A. degree in 1980. She taught for one year in the Department of English at Vanderbilt University and then joined the faculty of Boston University, where she taught in the departments of English and Modern Foreign Languages until her departure in 2011.

**Born: July 27, 1953 (66 years old)**

### Coach Corner:

*This week the coach corner is on another page about some great tips for parents and student interaction during the holiday season!*



### Main Office visits:

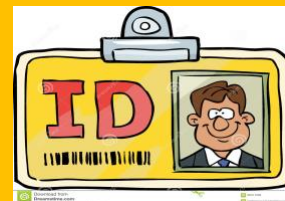
- All Parents/Guardians **MUST** get a **DEPSA Parent I.D.** at the Main Office.
- Make sure you complete your child's **Emergency Card form** (purple sheet).
- Please sign up for I-CHAT regarding interests for parent volunteers, field trips, events and other school activities.
- Early dismissals cut off time is 3pm.
- Please send lunches with your student in the morning. Main office delivery is for **emergency only**

## REMINDERS!

### SIBLING PICK UP:

Parents, if your student has a sibling at the high school, we do offer sibling pickup. Please fill out a sibling pickup form at the main office and turn it in to your student's teacher. If you choose for your student to participate in sibling pickup, they will be walked over to a designated meeting spot at the high school at dismissal, where they can meet their high school sibling/s and their parent for pickup. We have started, if you would like your student to join, turn in forms ASAP.

Please remember to get your Parent I.D. Parents cannot enter the building without a Parent I.D. Parents may take pictures for I.D. and pick them up between 2:00-3:30pm, Monday- Friday.



**"I believe that education is all about being excited about something. Seeing passion and enthusiasm helps push an educational message."**

**Steve Irwin**