

January 7, 2022

Dear SBCSC Families,

Happy New Year, and happy first week of second semester! We have a lot of updates for you this week.

Thursday, January 13 at 5:30, families are invited to Brown Community Learning Center for a special Family Literacy Night to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We'll be joined by our friends from the University of Notre Dame's Snite Museum of Art to create paintings that convey "Living the Dream" by focusing on kindness, peace, and inclusion.

Please mark your calendars for two upcoming virtual "Talks with Todd" via the <u>SBCSC Facebook Live page</u>:

- Thursday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. with Kareemah Fowler, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance
- Thursday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. with LaToya King, Director of Transportation.

We're also continuing our Teacher Listening Tour. Teachers are welcome to join me for a conversation on:

- Tuesday, February 1 at 5:30 at LaSalle Academy
- Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 at Nuner Fine Arts Academy
- Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 at Jackson Middle School

Clay High School Theater Troupe will compete at the <u>Indiana State Thespians Conference</u> on January 21. This is an outstanding group of actors, and we are proud of their hard work and expression.

Congratulations to Isaiah Robinson of Riley High School, Jonathan Garcilazo of Washington High School, and Nah'Shon William of Adams High School named <u>"Posse Scholars."</u> Posse membership includes a full-tuition scholarship and ongoing leadership, character, and career development experiences beginning in a few weeks, and throughout their college careers. I want to express my gratitude to their families, friends, and especially their teachers for the encouragement and support they've given these young men. These scholars and leaders are inspiring, and we're looking forward to honoring them at the upcoming Board meeting Monday, January 11, at 5:30 p.m. in our Board Room. As always, you can watch it live on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

I want to share with our educators an invaluable opportunity that I had the pleasure of taking part in myself in Japan. <u>The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program</u> recently began accepting applications, and I hope our administrators and teachers will consider applying.

Finally, as we do our best to keep our community safe from COVID-19 and the omicron variant, please get vaccinated and boosted if you haven't done so. Remember to keep your mask on and wear it appropriately, keep washing your hands, and do your best to social distance. We know our healthcare workers are exhausted and doing all they can for our community. Let's keep doing our part. We are committed to providing you with updates as they are available.

Read a book, watch a film, listen to an album this weekend.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Sincerely,

C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools