

Mrs. Lourdes M. Perez Principal

Happy New Year to all and welcome back! It was great to see the smiling faces of our kiddos as they walked in the door wearing their pajamas on the first day back. I hope everyone had a restful and joyous break. Thank you to our families for the amazing work and participation during our Annual Brunch with Santa. An enormous THANK YOU to PTO for the beautiful job in decorating for the holidays. We appreciate your dedication to our children. Our children loved

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decorating for the holidays. We appreciate your dedication to our children. Our children loved performing during our Winter Assembly and parents and visitors were delighted with their amazing performances.

Thank you to the few parents who have stepped up to volunteer at our Express Drop-Off Area for students in the morning. I know the commitment it takes to be out there during the frigid temperatures and I greatly appreciate your involvement. We are unfortunately still seeing parents who stop in the middle of the street (on 12<sup>th</sup>) to pick-up their children or are yelling, demanding for teachers to release their child to run off in the middle of the street because they are in a hurry. Please help us keep your child safe. If you have a particular situation for which you cannot park and come over to pick up your child, please contact me so that we may make other arrangements. The main entrance does not open until 8:25 am, if you wish to drop off your child earlier than 8:25 please use our Express Service 8:15-8:40 am.

Parents, I also need your help in ensuring that your child is wearing a winter coat. Many of our students who are dropped-off only have a sweater/sweatshirt/wind breaker. That is not enough to be outside for 15 minutes during recess when temperatures are between 20-30 degrees. Please understand that children are warm inside the building, they go outside

(weather permitting), and without a winter jacket/coat they get sick and end up missing days of school. It affects their health and our attendance records.

## Sincerely,

## Lourdes M. Perez

- 1/7 Pajamas Day for all
- 1/9 PTO meeting 9am & 6pm
- 1/10 D89 Board meeting 6:00 pm
- 1/18 Second Quarter ends
- 1/21 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. NO SCHOOL
- 1/22 Parent Advisory Committee meeting
- 1/25 Coffee with the Principal Meeting 9:00 am
- 1/29 Family Math Night @ Lincoln 4:00 pm -5:00 pm