



February 2016

Dear East Hills Family,

PARP is coming! PARP is coming! (Parents as Reading Partners) PARP Week will begin on Monday, February 8, 2016 with an author/illustrator visit. We are thrilled to welcome Brian Pinkney to East Hills. His presentation will surely have a positive impact on your children as he shares his journey and passions. We will also kick off our Principal's Challenge. Our PFA has been working tirelessly to make this PARP week most memorable. The calendar of events will be sent home shortly with a description of each day's focus. In addition, many of our district administrators have volunteered to come and read our specially chosen Book of the Month on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. While we want to keep the title a secret, what I can tell you is that your children will be coming home talking about mistakes. That's right, they will be fascinated by the importance of making mistakes and how that experience makes us stronger and wiser: even resulting in some amazing creations!

We hope you received the e-mail **Save the Date** blast that was sent home last week. On Thursday, February 11, 2016, we will be hosting our Fifth Annual Literacy Night entitled Post it Pajama Party." Please be sure to complete the flyer informing us as to how many people from your family will be joining us for an evening of literacy and learning hosted and facilitated by members of our most dedicated staff who have generously volunteered their time to prepare for this event. We hope that you will be able to attend this most enjoyable family evening.

Our PARP Week will also include our East Hills' Swap a Book. Thanks to your help, each child will have an opportunity to visit our Swap a Book room and peruse the myriad selection of books. Favorites that they have read and enjoyed will be available for their friends to read next. Who knows, your child may decide to swap again after reading the book they chose.

Congratulations to all of our talented East Hills' artists for the outstanding artwork that is displayed at the Bryant Library this month. Many thanks to our most dedicated art teacher, Ms. Favara, for all of her hard work in preparing for this event. We hope that you come out and view this showing.

Just one final reminder: **School will be closed the week of February 15, 2016 for Winter Break.**

Wishing you a Fabulous February!

Fondly,
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