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PTA Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Principal's Notes

- I. Kudos to the first grade students and teachers on the success of their “Design a City,” PBL project.
- II. Data Driven Instruction across all grades
 - a. Teachers are using results of assessments to craft lessons
 - b. Results of recent assessments show that “Craft and Structure,” questions are challenging for our students
- III. CSESS – Students from Harvard University are teaching select 7th grade students
 - a. Topics covered
 - i. Probability
 - ii. Futurology
 - iii. State Shapes
 - iv. Romanticism
 - v. Physics
 - vi. Stocks and Derivatives
 - vii. Linguistics
 - viii. Fairytales
- IV. Chancellor Carranza will attend the CEC Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019
 - a. The meeting begins at 6:00pm
- V. Give Kids a Smile Day
 - a. Friday, February 1st, 2019 beginning at 8:00am
 - i. Parent Presentation in the auditorium at 8:30am
 - ii. Dentists will be examining students
- VI. The revamping of “Poor Richard’s Park,” has been approved
 - a. Project includes fencing to allow TAG students to use the playground during the day
 - b. Drainage issues in the Lower Yard are being discussed
- VII. School Closings, Breaks, and Events
 - a. Monday, January 17th- School Closed for observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - b. Tuesday, February 5th- School Closed for observance of Lunar New Year
 - c. Monday, February 18-22: School closed for Mid-Winter Break

- d. Thursday, March 14th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - i. Half-Day for all students
 - 1. Dismissal at 11:05am
- e. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd New York State ELA Exam
- f. Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2: New York State Math Exam