

Hello Cocoa Beach Families,

Here is your Principal Message for January 21, 2021.

Second Semester

As I mentioned last week, with a 4x4 Block schedule, a new semester is like a new year. So we began a new school year this week – complete with the “opening day” challenges with student schedules. Some class loads are out of balance and there are a few other issues we will need to address. Please be patient with us we balance classes and address all student needs. We will take care of each student.

COVID Contact

We have had another student test positive for COVID 19 this week and also a staff member who has tested positive. In these situations our first priority is to conduct contact tracing to identify anyone who may have been in “close contact” with the individual. We then work to speak by telephone with the families who are affected directly. In both of these cases, the number of people directly impacted was relatively small, but we still need to go through all of the steps in the process. This takes a bit of time. I have attached the standard notification letter. We have spoken with the families affected.

Homeroom Activities

I want to share with you a few of the things we are doing in Homeroom in the next few weeks.

- Jan 22: we are hosting a virtual Pep Rally for the Winter Sports teams. It is really just a video highlighting each of the athletic teams and a few surprises. We will send the link out to eLearners.
- Jan 29: The Department of Education has designated next week “Celebrate Literacy Week” so on Friday the 29th each Homeroom will be involved in a literacy activity (Sustained Silent Reading, Poetry Slam, etc.).
- Feb 5: We will celebrate student achievement with the January Students of the Month, Honor Roll recognition, and Class of the Quarter. Should be a lot of fun.

Staff Recognition

Next Thursday, January 28th, the School District will host its annual “ABC Awards” which honors teachers and other staff members. This year Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr has two finalists for district-wide awards? Our School Secretary, **Lisa Peloquin** is a finalist for the Employee of the Year and **Megan Fernandez**, is a finalist for Rookie Teacher of the Year! Both of them are more than deserving of this honor and stand a great chance of being selected as the winner in their category. The awards ceremony is a virtual event and will be streamed live over the internet. I will send out the link next week so we can all watch and cheer for our winners.

Thank you for your trust in us as we educate your child. As always, please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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File attachments:
[COVID Parent Letter Jan 21 2021.pdf](#)