

Friday, January 9, 2015

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back for the second time this week. You have to love Northwest Indiana this time of year. I hope you all enjoyed family time, and got lots of rest over the holiday break. Here are the current and upcoming highlights.

- Due to our snow days this week, next Friday, January 16, will be a regular school day. Students will no longer have the day off. There will be no school on Monday, January 19, in remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- There will be a vocabulary/word skill quiz on Monday, January 12, on Mr. Popper's Penguins. The new list for next week will be posted and handed out on Monday.
- Current AR progress was sent home today (on a sticky note). There is one more week to meet your point and comprehension goals.
- For homework over the weekend, please remember to log into Study Island and complete the form that was sent home. Don't forget to return the signed form on Monday.
- Mrs. Juergens moved the volleyball PE test to Tuesday, January 13. Please remember to study your study guide over the weekend.
- Our second term will end on Friday, January 16. Report cards will be available to view online and/or print on Friday, January 23.
- This past week, our school board held two meetings at the high school to receive more public input on two possible referendums- a building referendum and a general fund referendum. The building referendum includes the remodeling and/or new construction within our school district. The general fund referendum allows monies for more staffing which may or may not include counselors, classroom teachers, assistants, and/or specialty programs such as elementary foreign language courses. Bottom line- more teachers leads to smaller class sizes. If you would like more information on the facts and figures being proposed, please visit the Valparaiso Community Schools homepage under the School Board tab to review the meetings' minutes.

Next Thursday, January 15, our board will announce their intentions of moving forward or not with either or both referendums. Please attend this critical meeting if you can. You are a taxpayer and a parent, so their decision will affect you and your child(ren). The meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM at Memorial Elementary.

Stay warm this weekend!