

Sunset Park February Newsletter



GO BIG, WORK HARD & BE GOOD

February 1st-28th

Loving the Habits

By the end of February Sunset Park will have taught and lived all 7 Habits twice already in the 2017-18 school year. We pick a Habit every week to teach and complete lessons, learn songs, watch videos, and participate in activities designed to strengthen and deepen our understanding of the 7 Habits and how they can support our learning, character and community.

Introducing Academic Notebooks this year has been instrumental in making the change from the grade the teacher gave me to the grade I've earned. Ownership of student data, setting goals, working to achieve them and celebrating milestones have all been a big part of our overall theme. The pride displayed by our students in their Leadership Notebooks has been such a wonderful thing to observe. We hope at least some of that has trickled into your homes as well.



The Sparky's Helpers mentoring program is off to a great start as well!

Thanks also for your feedback and support. We are here to serve our community to the best of our abilities. So please attend our events, ask questions if you have them. Let us know what you like and what you believe we can do better. We are actively aspiring to be the first Lighthouse School in Southern Colorado and with these kids and your support it is just a matter of time.

And Now It All Makes Sense...

I'd like to share an incredibly touching story with you. As you know we just wrapped up the first semester and with that came our Celebration Day. Thanks to all that joined us and we hope you enjoyed celebrating the accomplishments of your children. We also realize that it isn't always possible to make it to everything. Here is where the story starts.

I was making the rounds trying to ensure things were going smoothly and that I was available for anyone that might have a question or something to add. I entered into a classroom to see tons of parents and students interacting with the Leadership Notebooks the students had been working on. They were all so proud to share their accomplishments. One young lady was visibly upset as her parent couldn't be there. No sooner did I see this young lady's despair than in comes another child's parent to comfort her and step in to hear about her accomplishments. I was so touched I had to leave the room... So now I truly understand where our kids get their compassion and character. Thanks for all that have trusted us with your kids and thanks for your support as well.

Special points of interest:

- **THE CHOICE WINDOW ENDS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND . LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP.**
- THE NEXT PRE-SCHOOL ROUND UP FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Paragon Early Learning Center • 3000 Lakeview Ave. Bring proof of address, shot records, birth certificate and proof of salary. Must be 3 or 4 by Oct. 1st, 2018.
- I think the schedules will be a little more consistent for March and April.