



DECEMBER 2020/JANUARY 2021 GERALDINE J. MANN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back again! Thank you for the patience demonstrated by all of our GJ Mann families as we transitioned into fully remote learning. As we return to the hybrid model, the experience of being fully remote will certainly result in increased rigor and student participation with Wednesday online learning. Please communicate openly with **your child's teacher** about the online learning experience. Your feedback is vital for ongoing improvement.

Kudos go out to our students who have been attending music lessons with Mr. Briatico, Band Director. They have been participating virtually and in-person to earn medals for mastering the song catalogue. Their practice and perseverance will propel our music program to new heights. In the short term we are preparing for a virtual concert (in late January

or early February) and in the long term seeking New York State School Music Association Conference participation. We will pursue excellence in the classroom and on the stage. Our students and our community deserve it!

Speaking of excellence, the First Trimester Marking Period will close on Friday, December 11th for all students in Pre-K to Grade 6. Report cards will be mailed home just before Christmas.

Also in the spirit of excellence, GJ Mann is offering an Extended Day Learning Program on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There are many academic support and club offerings for students in Grades K-6. **Please contact your child's teacher** for an application if you are interested.

The support of our entire GJ Mann community is required to maintain the enriched, excellence focused environment that we have

come to expect for our **children**. Our school's Parent Education Group (PEG) has historically served as a driving force in these enrichment efforts. Please decide to attend our first PEG meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium. At that time I **will be hosting a "Coffee with the Principal"** and sharing details about the coming year. Your attendance and ongoing support is important.

Know that we have been actively promoting daily attendance, both in-school and online. It is extremely important that your child attends when he or she is not ill.

Finally, best wishes to all of our families for a happy and healthy Holiday Season! Bring on 2021!

Mr. Baldassarre

ATTENDANCE COUNTS!!

162 GJ MANN STUDENTS HAVE MAINTAINED GOOD ATTENDANCE AND 137 STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED SCHOOL EVERY DAY!



72 STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY MISSED 4 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS OR MORE (IN-PERSON & ON-LINE)...



22 STUDENTS HAVE HAD 2 DAYS OR MORE WHERE THEY WERE PRESENT ONLINE BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE...

GJ Mann Dismissal Safety!

Please remember that all pick-ups and drop-offs are to be on the school side of 95th Street and the South Driveway. Students are not to cross the street to or from your vehicle at arrival or dismissal, especially during the winter months when conditions make crossing the street even more dangerous.