



# MARCH/APRIL 2021 GERALDINE J. MANN NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents & Guardians:  
On February 24th the GJ Mann Parent Group and School Quality Council held its monthly meeting and for the first time it was broadcast live over Microsoft Teams. Parents were able to attend remotely! Know that if you are unable to attend our next meeting (March 24th) in person you can attend online via a link that will be posted on our website. We are looking forward to having more families participate both in person and online. At our last meeting, we discussed expanding student opportunities for in-person learning. It is our intention to increase instructional time where it is needed and when it can be safely provided within the health and safety guidelines established by the District, the County and the State. It is hoped that the circumstances that we are currently learning and work-

ing in are temporary; as such, we will continue to advocate for the needs of our GJ Mann family.

Did you know that March is *Music in Education Month*? The timing of which is perfect as Mr. Briatico, Band Director and his students have produced a Virtual Band Concert that can be viewed on our website. Practicing and performing has been a challenge for our students this year. Kudos to Mr. Briatico for developing a creative solution to allow our students to display their excellence. Our goal is to have the greatest elementary school band in the world!

Speaking of excellence, The CogAT Assessment for participation in the District's Enrichment Program will be administered to Hybrid Students in Grades 1 & 6 during the week of March 15th. Students will need to be in at-

tendance both days that week to complete the assessment.

Also, Second Trimester report Cards will be mailed out by the end of the month. We have been monitoring student performance closely and will be sending letters, making phone calls and scheduling conferences with families to promote the academic excellence of our students. If you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress, please **contact your child's teacher** as soon as possible to set up an appointment.

Finally, please note the Travel Questionnaire attached to this newsletter. It is requested that families complete and return it to the school if traveling out of State for Spring Break.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy Spring!

Mr. Baldassarre

## CHARACTER-COUNTS!!

THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

### PERSEVERANCE

SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT. IT IS HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE, LEARNING, STUDYING, SACRIFICE AND MOST OF ALL, LOVE OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING OR LEARNING TO DO.

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## GJ Mann Teachers are Using Assessment Data!

Through the Data Analysis Process (DAP), several GJ Mann Teachers (Mrs. Bolender, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Carlo, Ms. Critelli & Mr. Misterkiewicz) are leading a District-wide effort to identify our students' strengths, needs and areas for improvement through the examination of assessment results. Know that **with every test administration we learn more about our students' needs and can in-turn identify the best strategies to help them improve.** When your **child is assessed and does his or her very best they inform our teachers' instruction and become better prepared for the rigor of Prep and High School.** GJ Mann students and staff continue to pursue excellence!

