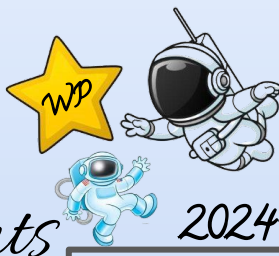


## February Edition

### MISSION:

At Wonder Park, we promote lifelong learning and growth for all students. members.



## Home of the ALL STARS!

### VISION:

We empower all students to become independent, productive community.

# All Star Points 2024-2025

## A Message from Your Principals

Donna Moats, Principal, [moats\\_donna@asdk12.org](mailto:moats_donna@asdk12.org)  
Lisa Bunag, Assistant Principal, [bunag\\_lisa@asdk12.org](mailto:bunag_lisa@asdk12.org)

Dear Families,

As we move into February, we are excited to welcome you to Parent-Teacher Conferences, which will take place on **February 26 and 27**. These conferences are a vital opportunity to celebrate your child's progress, discuss areas of growth, and partner together to ensure their continued success for the rest of the school year.

Here are a few tips to help you prepare for a meaningful and productive conversation with your child's teacher:

1. **Reflect on Your Child's Progress:** Consider how your child has grown since the start of the school year. Are there specific strengths or challenges you've noticed at home?
2. **Come with Questions:** Think about what you'd like to learn from the teacher. Some examples might include:
  - o How is my child doing academically and socially?
  - o Are there ways I can support learning at home?
  - o What goals should we focus on for the rest of the year?
3. **Share Insights:** You know your child best! Share any updates, concerns, or observations that can help their teacher better understand and support them.
4. **Follow Up Together:** Conferences are just the beginning. Afterward, talk with your child about what you discussed and create an action plan for moving forward together.

Scheduling information will be sent home soon, so please keep an eye out. We look forward to working with you to help your child thrive!

### Student Pick-Up Reminder

Our school day runs from **7:50 AM to 2:30 PM**, and it is essential that students are picked up promptly at **2:30 PM**. Most of our staff leave by **3:00 PM** to attend to their own family responsibilities. To ensure the safety and well-being of all students:

- **Pick-Up Time:** 2:30 PM
- **Late Pick-Up:** If a student remains on campus after **3:15 PM**, we will have to contact our **School Resource Officer** and/or the **Anchorage Police Department**.

We understand that emergencies may arise, but we kindly ask all families to have a plan in place for timely pick-up. Your cooperation ensures a supportive environment for everyone.

As always, thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. Your partnership makes a world of difference in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Donna Moats, Principal

Lisa Bunag, Assistant Principal

## School Event Checklist

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Community Mtg in Library 2:45-3:15 before BB Game
- 7-13 Candy Grams .25 each
- 17 Holiday/No School
- 20 Clark 5th grade transition night
- 26-27 P/T Conferences
- Students released at 11:30 am
- 28 Inservice/No School

### MARCH

- 7 Inservice day/No School
- 10-14 SPRING BREAK
- 26 Family Night 5:30-7

In April/May, we're organizing a school-wide project to make paper leis. To make this happen, we'll need volunteers to assist in classrooms. Additionally, we'll be collecting brown paper grocery bags and colored tissue paper. Your help in these efforts would be greatly appreciated.



**SCHOOL  
CLOSED**

**February  
2/17 & 2/28**



**Parent/  
Teacher  
Conference**  
**Feb  
26-27.  
2 days**



WP is collecting brown paper bags and tissue paper for making leis.

**HOW DO THE BUDGET CUTS  
AT ASD IMPACT YOU  
PERSONALLY? WE WANT  
TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS!**

At Wonder Park

Friday, February 7th

2:45-3:30 pm

\*Community based not  
ASD affiliated.

Before the Basketball game

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ASD Plan

Watch and listen to the ASD presentation of the proposed cuts district-wide.

This message prompts a closer look and highlights planned district-wide cuts, specifically affecting librarian, counselor, and nurse positions by reducing them to half-time for the next school year among larger class sizes for all grades.

Our direction

We invite families, community members, and staff to share ideas, feedback, or suggestions.

We can help you write letters and/or testify to the school board, either by phone, in-person, including legislators.

Join us in advocating for our school!

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Community Plan

Please write letters and submit emails to [schoolboard@k12.org](mailto:schoolboard@k12.org) found on the ASD webpage. You can simply attend to show your support for WP.

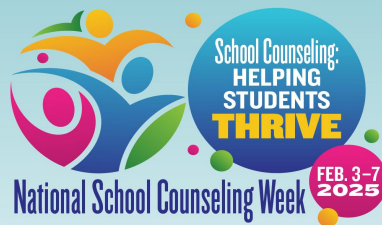
Let's collaborate and give them suggestions.  
We love our All-Stars and want  
what's best for them!

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Ms.  
ADDY  
Counselor  
to the  
Stars!



Hello All Stars!

In January, students heard a new challenge about goal setting on the morning announcements and in their health lesson with me. This is the perfect time to embrace the power of goal setting. Goals illuminate our path and ignite our motivation for success.

### What is Goal Setting?

Goal setting defines our aspirations and mapping out a route to achieve them. Whether improving reading skills or making new friends, clear goals are the foundation for success!

### Why Set Goals?

1. Focus- Goals sharpen our attention on what truly matters.
2. Motivation- Achieving milestones fuels our drive for larger dreams.
3. Self-Confidence- Accomplishments boost our belief in ourselves.
4. Decision Making- Clear goals guide our choices.

### Types of Goals:

**\*Short-Term\*** Achievements for the coming week or month, like finishing homework. **\*Long-Term\*** Aspirations for the school year, like improving grades.

### Steps to Setting SMART Goals:

**Specific:** Be clear about your goals.

**Measurable:** Track your progress.

**Achievable:** Set realistic objectives.

**Relevant:** Make sure they resonate with you.

**Time-Bound:** Set a deadline.

Did you know that February 3-7 is National School Counseling Week? This is to highlight the role counselors play in our schools. I'm here to help our kids succeed academically, socially, emotionally, and as they prepare for the future! If there is anything I can do to help please let me know.

### Goal-Setting Activities:

**\*Vision Boards\*** Create visual representations of your dreams. **\*Journaling\*** Track progress and reflect on victories. **\*Accountability Partners\*** Share goals to inspire one another.

Remember that the journey matters just as much as the destination. Keep striving, and know that support is always available! Wishing you a purposeful and fulfilling month ahead!

- Ms Addy



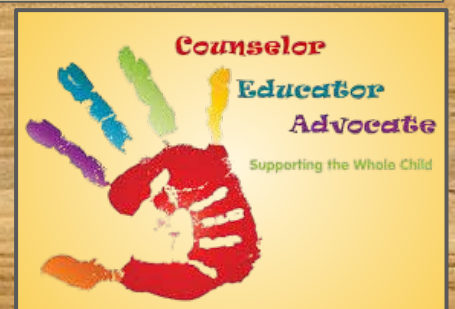
School Business Partnerships: Subway, Mt. View Lions Club, Childrens Lunchbox, and Costco



Superintendent  
Jharrett Bryantt, Ed. D.



Top Row L-R: Carl Jacobs, Dave Donley, Andy Holleman,  
Bottom Row L-R: Dora Wilson, Margo Bellamy, Kelly Lessens, Pat Higgins



Music Notes from

Mrs. Bustamante

### Wonderful Wonder Park Families!

I am excited to announce that Wonder Park Elementary has received the loan of about 40 ukuleles from ASD this quarter. Music room students in 3rd-5th grades will be receiving instruction in ukulele this month and next month.

I am also offering "Uke Sing" sessions on Tuesday after school from 2:45-4:00. This is an activity open to students (1st - 5th) that are not in the C21 after school program. If your student is in the after school program they can ask Ms. Morgan Berns if they can join the Uke Sing club on Thursdays (open to 1st-5th grades students). Please bring a signed permission slip to join Tuesday Uke Sing. These can be found at the front office or the music room.

Please find links to two digital ukulele books below.

<https://www.eemusicclass.com/shared/nKkG1sCqIYZUj4L0>

Mrs. Mordini's

HEALTHY start



This month, we are focusing on **drug awareness**.

We will explore the importance of understanding how drugs affect the body, the dangers associated with substance use, and the long-term effects on physical and mental health. Our discussion will also cover strategies for making safe, informed choices and avoiding risky situations.

By raising awareness, we aim to empower individuals to make healthier decisions and reduce the impact of drug-related harm.



### Highlights from 21st CCLC



Hello All Star Families!

Our first day back from Winter Break, we had an exciting day with Alaska Botanical Gardens, and we plan on having 3 more days with them this semester, as well as Campbell Creek Science Center and more!

21st Century Families should also be on the lookout for 21st Century Spring Break enrollment papers—this is a special program offered the week of Spring Break to 21st Century students that will be held at Lake Otis Elementary.

If you are interested in having your student(s) join the 21st Century After-School Program, please speak with your classroom teacher or give us a call at 907-742-1730!

We have limited spots available but are always enrolling students.



All Star Art.....

..... Mr. Daniel

Dear wonderful Wonder Park All Stars, Winter is the perfect time to break out your arts and crafts materials that might have been sitting around this fall and early Winter. With the lack of snow it may be a good time to make cotton balls into a snowscape or paint a nifty snowman on the window. Remember to ask your adult if projects are okay to do around the house!

Stay safe and warm and have a great time doing art projects at home!



**Perfect Attendance the last 3 months.  
No absences or tardies.  
A huge thank you to all our parents!**



### October 2024

Esaias-Lyon  
Wailani-Lyon  
Damon-Katy  
Hustin-Katy  
Malakai-Danica  
Jasmine-Serena  
Ariah-Serena  
Iris-Danica  
Karou-Danica  
Leluminai-Janice  
Johan-Janice  
Raymond-Sabb  
Sahana-Janice  
Prince-Janice  
James-Mullen  
Arya Belle-Mullen  
Greycin-Brossard  
Shannon-Brossard  
Penelope-Sullano  
Ayden-Sullano  
Jose-Thomas  
Treyvon-Thomas  
Posie-Thomas  
Mckaden-Thomas  
Jeremiah-Garcia  
Venna-Johnson  
Zivah-Warta  
Isabella-Ribbens  
Jayla-Ribbens  
Brooklyn-Ribbens  
Sydney -Harvill  
Eon-Harvill  
Rose-Harvill



### November 2024

Adrian-Katy  
Hustin-Katy  
Karou-Danica  
CayoJune-Sabb  
Jeremiah -Janice  
Raymond-Sabb  
Psalm-Janice  
Zachary-Reymond  
Matthew-Janice  
Akol-Beulah  
James-Mullen  
Sharon-Mullen  
Jordan-Brossard  
Khali-Mullen  
Jose-Thomas  
Treyvon-Thomas  
Chloe-Thomas  
Posie-Thomas  
Naomi-Thomas  
Jeremiah-Garcia  
Michael-Warta  
Serenity-Johnson  
Zivah-Warta  
Jayme-Jeudy  
Sydney-Harvill  
Allen-Harvill  
Sandy-Harvill  
Emaly-Ribbens  
Rose-Harvill



### December 2024

Damon -Katy  
Cooper-Katy  
Omar-Katy  
Andrew-Lyon  
Karou-Danica  
LeluminaiJancie  
Miles-Beulah  
Sione-Sabb  
Zachary-Reymond  
Sahana-Janice  
Amelia-Brossard  
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James-Mullen  
Sharon-Mullen  
Kyson-Reymond  
Jordan-Brossard  
Arya Belle-Mullen  
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Shannon-Brossard  
Penelope-Sullano  
Ayden-Sullano  
Blessing-Thomas  
Treyvon-Thomas  
Chloe-Thomas  
Payton-Thomas  
Elijah-Warta  
Jeremiah -Garcia  
Michael-Warta  
Serenity-Johnson  
Fiora-Sullano  
Aliyah-Jeudy  
Aiden-Jeudy  
Harmony-Ribbens  
Alysiaune-Ribbens  
Dean-Jeudy  
Isabella-Ribbens  
Zakiya-Harvill  
Anessah-Harvill  
Sydney-Harvill  
Emaly-Ribbens  
Nathan-Ribbens  
Kirah-Harvill  
Rose-Harvill



### Classroom Winners for the months

October primary wing 2nd gr. Mrs. Thomas' class

October intermediate wing 5th gr. Mr. Harvill's class

November primary wing 2nd gr. Mrs. Thomas' class

November intermediate wing 4/5th gr. Mr. Ribbens class

December primary wing 2nd gr. Mrs. Thomas' class

December intermediate wing 5th gr. Mr. Harvill's class



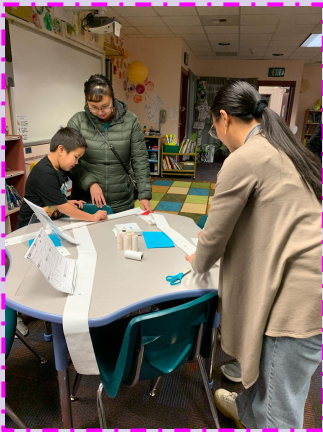
# attendance **MATTERS**

every student • every day

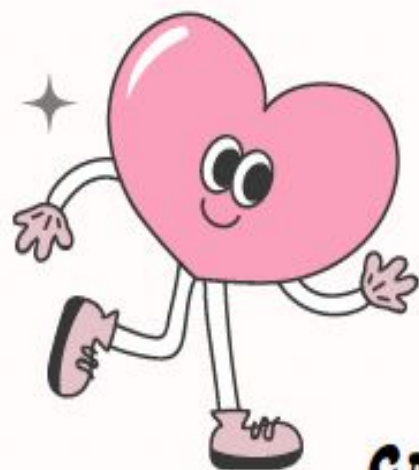


Wonder Park's attendance goal for the school year is.....

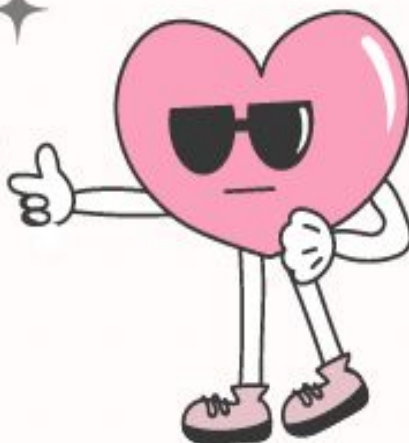
Our goal is to reduce the percentage of chronically absent students from 50% to 45% each semester. In the first semester of the school year 2024-2025, we recorded that 46% of students were absent for more than five days. This was an improvement from last year, when 51% of students were chronically absent, resulting in a 5% gain in student attendance.



## STEAM Family Nights

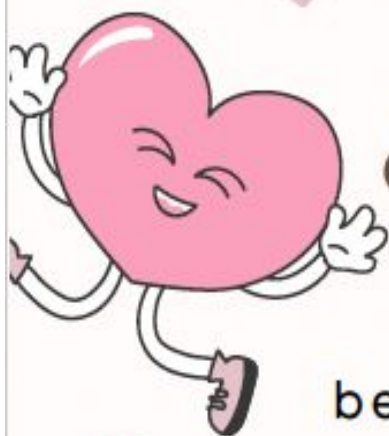


Join us  
to celebrate



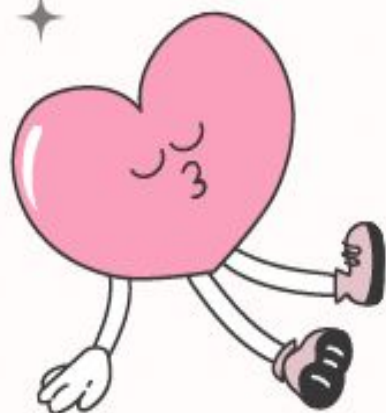
Candy Grams!  
25 cents each

# Valentine's Day February 7-13



A list of names can  
be provided or the students  
can tell me names.

Candy Grams will be handed out  
on Friday, February 14th





# ***TRANSITION NIGHT & LITERACY NIGHT***

Thursday, February 20, 2025

5:30 - 7:45 p.m.



**5th grade going  
into 6th next  
year.**

## **Clark Student Creed**

I am a student seeking to be a scholar.  
The standard is excellence today and tomorrow.  
I am disciplined, focused, and on time.  
I am organized, respectful, and responsible.  
I am on a mission to elevate myself, my community, and humanity.  
I am a Clark Middle School scholar!



**CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Falcons*

# **TRANSITION NIGHT & LITERACY NIGHT**

## **SCHEDULE**

### **5:30**

Serving Sandwiches in the *Multipurpose Room (MPR)*

Welcoming Remarks - *Ms. Benetta Orchitt, Principal*

Clark Middle School Presentation – *Orchestra, Ms. Elliott, Orchestra Director*

*Clark Middle School Student Council, Ms. Mohammad, SSC Advisor -  
Handing out Program and Making Signs of Room Assignments*

### **6:00 – 7:30**

5th grade Transition Night - 6th grade floor

Literacy Night Activities on the 6th and 7th grade floors

### **7:45**

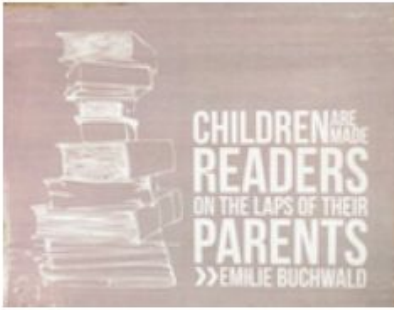
Raffle & closing in the MPR

Welcome 5th graders, current Clark students, and families! Join us for a double feature: - Transition Night and Literacy Night.

- Transition Night on the 6th grade floor- Come and embark with us on a journey into middle school where you will have the opportunity to learn about each of our academic departments and electives.
- Literacy Night Workshops and Activities on the 7th grade floors - We will immerse you into interactive activities, trivias, book readings, and valuable resources to enhance your literacy skills.

Please choose from the list of literacy activities to learn and attend as many sessions as you can. If you are an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade, you will begin with the Transition Night in the library, then proceed to the 6th grade floor. When you've explored each academic department, please feel free to participate in the Literacy Night activities on the 6th or 7th grade floors.

Families will need the program upon entry to the building which contains the sessions for literacy activities, academic transitions, and room number. Ensure that you attend all the sessions and listen attentively to earn a ticket from the host. **You will need it for the raffle draw** for the Literacy Basket Giveaway at 7:45 pm. In the MPR.



All **Title One** schools in the Anchorage School District are asked to provide plenty of fun learning opportunities for families. Clark Middle School wants to encourage our community to get involved and learn alongside their students. Literacy night is a time for families to spend quality time together enjoying a variety of activities centered around reading and writing. Literacy night gives families a time and a place to learn some helpful guidelines about reading and writing from experienced teachers. Literacy night is designed to showcase reading and

writing for individual enjoyment, share strategies to help improve reading and writing for school, and build a stronger sense of these skills as a benefit to the family and to the school community.

*"There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book." - Frank Serafini*

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE TONIGHT,  
VISIT THE LIBRARY and pick up a FREE BOOK!**

### **WHY READ EVERYDAY?**

#### **1. Mental Stimulation**

Studies have shown that staying mentally stimulated can slow the progress of (or possibly even prevent) Alzheimer's and Dementia!

#### **2. Stress Reduction**

A story can transport you to other realms while an engaging article can distract you and keep you in the present moment, letting tensions drain away.

#### **3. Knowledge**

Everything you read fills your head with new bits of information, and you never know when it might come in handy. The more knowledge you have, the better-equipped you are to tackle any challenge you'll ever face.

#### **4. Vocabulary Expansion**

This goes with the above topic: the more you read, the more words you gain exposure to, and they'll inevitably make their way into your everyday vocabulary. Being articulate and well-spoken is of great help in any profession!

#### **5. Memory Improvement**

When you read a book, you have to remember an assortment of characters and a complex plot. Amazingly enough, every new memory you create forges new synapses (brain pathways) and strengthens existing ones.

#### **6. Improved Focus and Concentration**

In our internet-crazed world, attention is drawn in a million different directions at once as we multitask through every day. Try reading for 15-20 minutes a day to allow your brain to focus on one thing.

#### **7. Better Writing Skills**

This goes hand-in-hand with the expansion of your vocabulary: exposure to published, well-written work has a noted effect on one's own writing. **THE BEST WRITERS ARE READERS!**

#### **8. Free Entertainment**

Though many of us like to buy books, they can be quite pricey. For low-budget entertainment, you can visit your school library and enjoy countless books available there for free.

**DIRECTIONS: ATTEND AS MANY SESSIONS AS YOU CAN AND EARN TICKETS FOR EACH SESSION. ONE TICKET PER FAMILY. MORE TICKETS, MORE CHANCES TO WIN!!! DON'T FORGET TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE TICKETS.**

**TICKET FOR RAFFLE DRAW @ 7:45 P.M.**

**IN THE MPR**

**LED BY MS. BENNETTA ORCHITT, CMS PRINCIPAL  
OFFICIATED BY MS. CASH, ELA DEPARTMENT CHAIR  
AND MR. MOORE, COUNSELING DEPARTMENT CHAIR**

<b>Transition Night = incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students</b>	<b>Room</b>	
ELL Math and Science and Student Council- Ms. Mohammad	103B	
ELL Social Studies – Mr. Moran	102D	
ELL Language Arts and Newcomers - Ms. M. Smith	118	
Language Arts, Springboard - Ms. Cash	104E	
Special Education – Ms. Westmann	104D	
Spanish = Ms. Leon	102C	
Science Department- Mr. Patterson	104B	
Social Studies Department- Ms. Moten	107	
Mathematics Department- Ms. Miller	103C	
Counseling Department- Mr. Moore	115	
Afterschool Sports = Mr. Baker	103D	
Afterschool Academy and Acrostic Poem= Mr. Kelkis	202 B	
Mental Health Services, Supports, and Information - Ms. Malison	Foyer	
Family Consumer Science - Ms. Rivers	218	
Migrant Ed - Mr. Woolsey	Foyer	

Indigenous Education Support - Ms. Cleveland	Foyer	
PE Department - Mr. Xiong, Ms. Arvelo, Mr. Nerland	Gym	
Orchestra - Ms. Elliot	260	
Spanish Department - Ms. Leon	102C	
Library and Book Display – Mr. Marsh	library	
National Honor Society – Ms. Swisher	Library	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Principal – Mr. Snider	112	
Principal and AP = Ms. Orchitt and Ms. Hermanson	floating	
<b>Literacy Night = All Students</b>	<b>Room #</b>	
General Bingo - Ms. Cleopas	103E	
Character Traits Crossword Puzzle - Ms. Martinson	202E	
Trivia Masters - Ms. Olsen	102B	
Cupcake Walk - Ms. Foley	209	
Is Superspeed Reading Your Superpower? - Ms. Ridgley	102E	
Image Captioning - Mr. Macdonald	202D	
Inference Scavenger Hunt - Mr. Gordon	202B	
ELA BINGO - Ms. Bean	202C	
Geography - Mr. Holmes	202 C	

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Language Arts and the Counseling Departments would like to thank the administrators, donors, volunteers, students, teachers, student council, orchestra, National Junior Honor Society, and parents for the OUTSTANDING contributions to the success of Literacy Night and Transition Night. We look forward to continuing our journey of educational excellence together!

# WONDER PARK SCHOOL GOALS FOR 2024–2025 YEAR

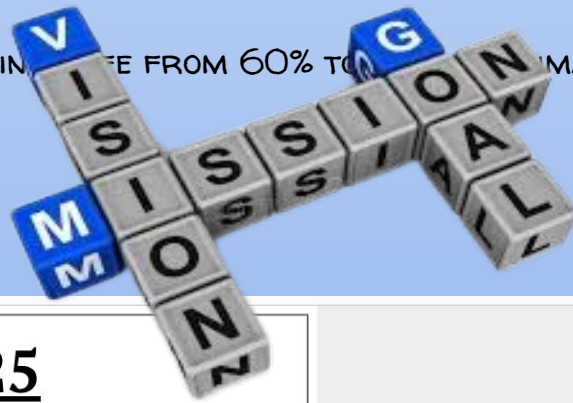
DURING THE 2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS IN THE RED FOR THE END OF YEAR ON MCLASS BY 5%. FROM 38% TO 33%.

READING MAP SCORES: INCREASE THE GROWTH PERCENTILE OF STUDENTS IN MAP FROM THE 41ST PERCENTILE TO THE 56TH PERCENTILE FOR THE SPRING ASSESSMENT .

WE WILL INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF PROFICIENT STUDENTS IN MATH MAP SCORES BY 5%  
61ST DEGREE TO 66 DEGREE.

WE WILL DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE CHRONICALLY ABSENT FROM 51.09%  
TO A MAXIMUM OF 45.39%.

INCREASE STUDENT'S FEELING OF BELONGING FROM 60% TO 65% BASED ON ANIMATE CONNECTEDNESS SURVEY.



## 2024/25 MISSION STATEMENT

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## 2024/25 VISION STATEMENT

We empower all students to become independent, productive community members.

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