



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 6, 2012

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 11 – PM Kindergarten attends all day. **A Day** for Jr. High Scholars.

Friday, January 13 – End of 2nd Term; **12:15 Dismissal**. AM Kindergarten attends all day. **B Day** for Jr. High Scholars.

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Day; No school.

Tuesday, January 17 – Elementary grades sent home.

JANUARY BUILDERS THEME: WORKING DILIGENTLY

Winter can be a difficult time of year. It's cold and dark in the morning and it makes it hard to get out of our warm beds to go to school! School schedules and procedures become routine. The excitement of a new teacher, a new school year and new friends has worn off. Before you know it the dreaded winter 'blahs' set in and scholars are anxiously counting down to the next school holiday! *Working Diligently* takes a lot of actual WORK, especially this time of year. Working diligently means giving our best even when we don't feel like it!

SCHOOL TOURS

Do you have family, friends or neighbors interested in attending Excelsior Academy? A school tour is a perfect way to introduce them to our school. **Tours are held each Wednesday at 8:30 am**. School tours cover a range of topics such as the Excelsior Academy Philosophy and Vision, Direct Instruction, CHAMPS, our character development program and observing group settings. It also gives them an opportunity to see the school setting and have any questions about the school answered. Please feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in attending a school tour.

LOTTERY ENROLLMENT

Lottery enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is now open. *Any new families wishing to attend Excelsior Academy must enter their scholars in the lottery system*. Information about enrollment and the lottery can be accessed at our school website at www.excelsior-academy.org.

EXCELSIOR ACADEMY YEARBOOKS

Time to reserve your copy of the Excelsior Academy yearbook! This year we will have a yearbook for grades K-6 and then a separate yearbook just for the Jr. High. The elementary book will be \$12 and the Jr. High will be \$20. Our yearbook committee is working hard to produce two awesome yearbooks! Order forms were sent home before the winter break. Extra order forms are available in the front office.

BOXTOPS

Do you ever do any online shopping? There are over 175 online retailers that will give our school BoxTop credits from your online purchases. It's simple! When you are looking into making an online purchase first go to www.boxtops4education.com. There you will find easy step by step directions to locate your retailer and begin your shopping. The BoxTop sight will then redirect you right to your retailer and you make your online purchase like usual. It's quick, easy and painless fundraiser for our school!



NEWS FROM THE JR. HIGH

GRADES

Second quarter grades will be mailed home on January 18. Please allow 3-4 days for them to reach your home. You can also view your scholar's grades by checking SIS.

SCIENCE FAIR

Please remember, all Science Fair Projects and Boards are due on Wednesday, February 8th. If you have any questions about project requirements or board guidelines, please consult your scholars Science Fair Packet. Any further questions may be directed to Mr. Hendershot at bhendershot@excelsior-academy.org.