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# Plum Creek Elementary

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Dear Parents,

January is here! Your child is working hard every day to show they are a Plum Creek Champion. We are striving for 1.5 years growth in reading and math for all students. We are proud of every student for the growth they are making in reading and math.

Our goal is for each child to build a strong foundation which will prepare all our students to be successful in the future. Every child has the power to succeed in school and in life and every parent, family member, and teacher can help. Showing children, the value of education, provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success at school.

As a parent: encourage your child to read, talk with your child, monitor homework, encourage your child to use the library, and encourage your child to be responsible and to work independently.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jamee Griebel, Principal

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## **Great Kindness Challenge: January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>**

Students and staff across the district will engage in activities to raise awareness about the importance of kindness and compassion for others as part of a national bullying prevention initiative. The Great Kindness Challenge was created to provide schools tools for creating a positive culture.

## **STEM Night & Science Fair: January 24<sup>th</sup>**

STEM Family Night is an evening of hands-on science, math, and engineering activities for students and families to complete together.

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**Transportation changes must be done prior to 1:00 pm.**

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## **Upcoming January Events**

### **Student Holiday**

January 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Day Without an Absence**

January 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Attendance Challenge**

Starts January 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Student Holiday**

January 21<sup>st</sup>



**Thank you PTA for our benches.**

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# More Important News

## ATTENDANCE – Plum Creek Attendance is 97.2% (as of 12/21/18)

Our goal for attendance at Plum Creek is 97%. To support great attendance, we provide individual and classroom attendance rewards. Rewards include pizza, ice cream, field trips to the movies or bowling, and dance parties.

## Our 30 Day Attendance Challenge starts Monday, January 16th.

Remember students must have 0 absences and less than 2 tardies.

## 7 MINDSETS

For the month of January, we are focusing on the 7 Mindset, "Everything is Possible." The Everything is Possible mindset teaches that we are all capable of living extraordinary lives. Students learn that everything which exists today was once just an idea until someone believed it was possible and took the actions to make it into reality. This is true with our lives as well – they become, in many ways, whatever we expect them to be. Throughout the lessons for this mindset, we work with students to help them understand the incredible promise of their lives, and to envision extraordinary happiness, meaning and success on their own terms. We seek to instill the belief that their goals are possible, and to foster the courage, discipline and persistence to act on achieving their dreams.

## ISTATION/DREAM BOX

Students will continue to use two computer programs to support reading (Istation) and math (Dream Box) in the classroom. Students will be required to complete a specific number of minutes or lessons. Students and teachers will set goals and monitor progress throughout the year using both Istation and Dream Box. As of December 21st, our Plum Creek students completed over 100,000 Dream Box lessons.

## ACCELERATED READER (A/R)

Last year, our students read 140 million words and lead the district in points. Our goal this year is to read 150 million words. Students are encouraged to read at school, but will benefit from reading at home. Weekly and monthly challenges are set for classes and house teams to win prizes. As of December 21st, our Plum Creek students read over 82,000,000 words.



## January Events continued...

### STEM Night & Science Fair

January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

### Great Kindness Challenge

January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>

### College/Career Day

February 1<sup>st</sup>

