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April 21, 2023

Dear Parents,

NMU was here this week for an annual Monitoring Visit. They met with small groups of administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and students to discuss our school and various academic, social and cultural programs. They also took the time to visit classrooms and observe academic instruction in real time. Moreover, they came on the day of our Drum Dance Social so we were also able to have them visit this event as well. NMU was very impressed with our JKL students, staff and programming. They shared that JKL is one of the top Charter Schools which they authorize.

A big “thank you” goes out to Dr. Gordon who presented at our PAC meeting on an upcoming MDE Mental Health Grant. Our school has the opportunity to use this grant as a one-time purchase for mental health resources to support both students and staff. Dr. Gordon received some input from parents and is also surveying our staff for ideas as to how to best utilize these funds. We will keep you posted as we move forward.

Our end-of-quarter Drum Dance Social was a great success. Students and staff sang and danced to the Drum to celebrate all of the accomplishments of our third quarter. Miigwech to Dr. Gordon for organizing this event and to the community members who attended!

Family Dodgeball Night is almost here. Please mark your calendars for April 27, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the gym. It will be exciting to see if “red” or “yellow” wins the Golden Dodgeball—we hope to see everyone there for this very challenging and fun event!

Summer school registration for our 2023 Summer School program closed this week. Late registrations should be sent to the office and they will be forwarded to Dr. Gordon who is the Supervisor of Summer School. Summer school takes place from July 5th through August 10th and runs for half-days on Mondays through Thursdays. There are

many “hands-on” and enrichment activities for students to participate in during the summer. Field trips and cultural activities are an important part of the program. Busing, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Spring assessments for M-Step and NWEA MAP are taking place throughout the building. These assessments will show which standards our students have mastered and which ones need additional work. Results of these assessments will be shared with parents in the Fall when school resumes and will help staff set individual learning goals for our students. Our students are taking the assessments seriously and we know they will do their best.

Be sure to save the dates:

Middle School Orchestras Spring Concert:

4th grade, 5th grade and on Thursday, May 11 @ 6pm in the Main Gym - students should report to the Music Room before the concert

Evening of the Arts:

Monday, May 15, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Kindergarten thru 8th grade artwork on display in the Middle School Commons & the main K-2 hallways - 5:30pm-7:30pm

1st/2nd grade vocal performance @ 6pm - main gym
(Students meet in their classrooms @ 5:45pm)

3rd, 4th & 5th grade vocal performance @ 6:45pm- main gym
(Students meet in their classrooms @ 6:30pm)

Have a great week—we appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

Theresa Kallstrom

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