

February is the month when we think of groundhogs, candy conversation hearts and presidents. At school, this month reminds us of those who truly put their **heart** into our school every day, our faculty and staff! We are so fortunate to have dedicated professionals who are committed to providing our children with the best education possible. They spend long hours and lots of energy to help our students learn and be successful.

It's amazing how quickly the school year passes! For this reason, it is important to keep open communication between you and your child's teacher. It is still very important to discuss your child's progress. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time to meet and discuss progress.

Our goal is to educate children and give them the best possible chance of being successful. We cannot do this if your child is not in school. Please understand valuable information is being shared with your child from 9:15 until 3:30 every day. There is no substitute for classroom instruction. Late arrivals and early pick-ups disrupt instructional time. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time and try to avoid picking your child up early unless it is an absolute emergency. As a reminder, if your child reaches 3 days of absences or tardy, you will be notified.

During the month of February, we'll recognize kindness. Staff and students will have a **"Kindness" theme week** with activities to practice random acts of kindness. We also have many activities planned for the next few months. Please check the school calendar for dates and times of events.

Thank you for all you do at home to help your child learn and grow. Thank you for sharing your children with us. **They are the heart of DDPS!**

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