



# 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School

## A Hoot of News January 2012



**Owl Pride: "On the Hunt for Wisdom through Education"**

Marcia Sidney-Reed, Principal ❖ Traci Kanemitsu, Assistant Principal, EIS

### Message from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2011-2012 school year. We hope your winter vacation time was a special period filled with magical moments of quality time with family and friends. We are excited about the upcoming months of new learning, new determination, and continued success. As we move into this new year, it is a good time to reflect upon our goals, our vision, and our mission for all of our students. We reaffirm to you that we believe in the equal worth and dignity of all students and we are committed to educating all of our students to their maximum potential.

Attendance is directly related to student achievement and we are striving to improve in all aspects of our educational journey. Right before winter vacation, we discovered that we have lost **1,486 days** in school attendance for a total loss of **\$46,556 dollars** in average daily attendance. We are asking all parents to help improve the attendance records for all of our students. Please work relentlessly to get your children to school everyday, on time and ready to learn. Wise Owls thrive with less than five absences!

Let's continue to work together to make a difference in the lives of our children by keeping our expectations high, holding each other accountable, and providing a safe and nurturing learning environment at home and at school. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or your classroom teacher at (310) 324-1153. Here's to a happy hootin' new year filled with health and prosperity. Hoot! Hoot! Hooray!

Sincerely,

Marcia Sidney-Reed  
Principal



### Parent Involvement Opportunities...

- Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. SRLDP Parent Ed – Mrs. Kawabata
- Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. Madres activas Meeting
- January 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace March
- January 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. ELAC Meeting
- January 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon PTA Meeting
- January 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday – School Closed
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Vote...Vote...Vote!
- January 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Owl Parent Institute
- January 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Tea Time to Talk to the Principal/SSC/CEAC

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace March, "Stepping Out for Peace"

On Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the students, staff, and community will take a walk around the school for peace. Each class will wear their Peace Games T-shirts, carry a banner to show their commitment to living peaceably with all people, and encourage the community to stand for peace with our school. This event will launch the second semester of Peace Games with a focus on Community Service Projects. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. Come and walk with our children for peace.



### Dress for the Weather

During the winter months it gets very cold, but many students are coming to school without sweaters or jackets. Before children leave the house please make sure that they have a sweater or jacket.



### A Tardy Owl Hinders Student Achievement

Parents please bring your children to school on time. We are having too many students late to school. This is slowing down our academic progress. Please have your children go to bed earlier so they can come to school well rested and prepared to learn. We need your help to wipe out the tardies so we can SOAR!!!



**Wise Owl Academic Play: Please read 15-20 minutes every evening. Readers are leaders!**

### Student of the Month

We are happy to salute our outstanding citizens for the month of December. These students are being recognized for being excellent role models for citizenship, sportsmanship, and leadership.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Alejandro Amezcuita, Mya Grimaldo, Macendo Smith, Pamela Bizarron-Cerda, Robert Martinez, Valerie Moreno, Matthew Martin, Lilah Montes, June Bonifacio, and Julissa Aceves

**Kindergarten:** Diego Benitez, Shailoh Lefeiloai, Fernando Torres, Emmy Rincón, Brian Sessions, Gisselle Cervantes, Bryan Medina, Vicmary Luna, Daniel Samayoa, Amaya Cabrera, Ivan Baltazar, Sergio Perez, and Neida Castañeda

**First Grade:** Anthony Gomez, Armonie White, Jesus Perez, Wendy Iturriaga, Quinn Hamano, Ashley Martin, Ruben Perez, Ana Marmolejo, Bryan Garcia, and Vanesa Pelayo

**Second Grade:** Angel Delgado, Katelyn Perez, Joseph Martin, Emely Rangel, Orlando Torres, Kaitlyn Castellanos, Pharrell Calloway, Karla Rivera, Victor Herrera, Sarin Afshar, Elijah Vazquez, Leslie Marmolejo, Andrew Alvares, and Chelsea Ponce

**Third Grade:** Angel Borunda, Ariyan Johnson, Alyssa Villalpando, Angela Garcia, Ivan Acosta, Noellya Lule, Adrian Rocha, Giulliana Ardon, Ruben Bueno, and Ashley Bautista Brito

**Fourth Grade:** Carlos Valdez, Jordan Flowers, Axel Zuniga, Ximena Gamino, Noah Park, Angelica Lopez, Chloe Kawahara, Alejandro Medrano, and James Vuong

**Fifth Grade:** Britney Lozano, Victor Gaona, Madelyn Hongpanich, John Bazan, Michelle Rivera, James Toshimitsu, Verónica Rivas, Jose Carrillo, and Wendy Elizarraras

### Character Word of the Month

The word for this month is altruism. Altruism is unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness. Parents, teachers, and students can show altruism by helping others who are in need. Work with your children this month to teach them the meaning of altruism and the benefits of being altruistic. This month we can use Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example of an altruistic person. He worked unselfishly for brotherhood, equality, and civil rights for all mankind and made numerous sacrifices for the cause of peace.



### Book of the Month

In our quest to build our students' vocabulary and academic language, we are continuing our tradition of all classrooms reading the same book each month. Our book-of-the-month for January is Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters written by President Barack Obama and illustrated by award-winning artist Loren Long. This is a tender and beautiful letter written for Sasha and Malia Obama by their loving dad. President Obama's letter celebrates the characteristics that unite all Americans, from our nation's founders to generations to come. It is about the potential within each of us to pursue our dreams and forge our own paths. The book is a treasure our students will cherish forever.

### Poem of the Month

#### A Winter Scene

Look into the garden, Where the grass was green;  
Covered by the snowflakes, Not a blade is seen.  
Now the bare black bushes, All look soft and white.  
Every twig is laden - What a pretty sight!



### "Pennies for a Park in the Harbor Gateway"

We would like to raise monies to help build a park in the Harbor Gateway. We are asking all of our students to save a penny a day for 186 days to help create a safe and fun place for children to play. This act of kindness will go a long way to create resources in the Harbor Gateway for our children. Let's soar!!!



**The Signature Limo Ride has been rescheduled to Friday, January 27th! Thanks for your understanding.**

