Greetings Imagine Andrews Families,

It's a great day at Imagine Andrews! January has been a very busy month for all of us! From the STEM Fair to the Spelling Bee, Pennies for Patients Fundraiser and STAR Assessments. Thankfully, only one inclement weather day so far, which was a 2-hour delay. Hopefully, our luck will continue.

During our First Annual Spelling Bee, the Imagine Andrews Community was able to witness our scholars show their amazing academic talents as they went toe to toe spelling words that are likely to be found in collegiate literature. The crowd was extremely impressed with the level of GRIT that was displayed during the competition. The scholars were graceful, articulate as they fought to the end. There were three winners in the end, one representing first place. Based on the level of PERSERVERANCE displayed, they were all winners!

Also in the month of January, we held our Annual STEM Fair. This is always an amazing display of creativity and academic excellence. This event takes lots of hard work from the scholars, teachers and families. After all of the hard work, the scholars are faced with the challenge of presenting their projects and defending the rationale for some of the decisions that they made while creating these masterpieces. The scholars were articulate and confident, as they remained humble. There were winners in each grade level. Everyone who participated deserves to be acknowledged for their level of commitment.

During the month of February, we will celebrate Black History Month, Valentine’s Day, President’s Day and the 100th Day of School. All of this will take place while we are providing our scholars with quality instruction daily.

Please use the link below to access the PGCPS website to make arrangements to obtain the background check & fingerprinting receipt that will allow you to be cleared to visit classrooms and other parts of the building without an escort: http://www.pgcps.org/fingerprinting/

Thank you for your continuous support and partnership.

H. Douglas Rice II, Principal
Imagine Andrews Public Charter School
Imagine Andrews Teacher of the Year

Mr. Mark Connelly

School Development: Some of our middle school scholars were considering leaving Imagine Andrews because of the vacancy in the math department. Mr. Connelly’s assistance in this area may have convinced some families to stay. He is a staple in the building.

Justice: Providing instruction to approximately 200 students, all with very different needs

Integrity: helping our middle and intermediate teams simultaneously

Fun: Serving on the Sunbeam Committee; Mr. Connelly enjoys laughing with his students and is sensitive to their needs.

Character Development: The intermediate team spends its Flex periods focusing on each month’s character trait. He is a faculty member that reminds students of hallway behavior. He mediates issues outside at recess and is able to get students to communicate and work through issues.

Parent Choice: Mr. Connelly regularly communicates with parents to make sure they are aware of upcoming deadlines. He also communicates when he notices a decline in performance.

Economic Sustainability: Mr. Connelly has kept inventory of our school laptops, and is very skilled at fixing equipment in our school. This saves us from having to purchase new equipment.

Academic Growth: Mr. Connelly has been teaching 5th and 6th grade Science as well as 7th and 8th grade Math to help our scholars continue to make gains while we are currently understaffed.
February 2017

Spelling Bee

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners

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2/20: Schools Closed, Presidents' Day

3/24: End of 3rd Quarter

3/27: Schools Closed, Professional Development

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STEM Fair Night

This year we hosted our STEM Fair Gallery Night on Thursday, January 26 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Our scholars worked very hard on their science fair projects and they were encouraged to come back that evening to participate—and that they did!

On Wednesday, the best STEM Fair projects featuring 3rd-8th grade were displayed in the multipurpose room. Judges, external community members, came out to evaluate the projects. On Thursday, Grades 3rd-8th displayed the other science fair projects in their home room during the evening from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. After the gallery walk, we will have an awards ceremony for all parents and students in the multipurpose room. The event was well attended.
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Students involved in the mentoring program began making their vision boards with the theme: A New Year, A New Year. With donated magazines, students cut pictures, symbols and words that represented who they aspired to be in the new year. Check out them mentors and mentees in action: