Greetings Imagine Andrews Team & Family,

It’s a great day at Imagine Andrews! It’s hard to believe that we are already into the second week of January! I hope everyone is off to a great start to the new year.

The next few months will be filled with lots of activities, events and important dates. Be sure that you have downloaded MySchoolApp so you are able to keep up with dates of upcoming events and pertinent information.

During the month of January, we added a new member to our Imagine Andrews Family. Ms. Gragg is the new art teacher for all grades. She will be servicing scholars during the marking period that they have art. She will provide instruction within the grade level classrooms. Please help us welcome Ms. Gragg to Imagine Andrews!

During the coming months Imagine Andrews will focus on increasing small group instruction school wide. The purpose of this focus is to increase the opportunities for differentiated instruction in an effort to best serve our scholars. As we know, each scholar learns at a different pace and in different styles. It is our responsibility to address those needs.

Please be sure to communicate with your child’s classroom teachers to make sure that you are clear on the method of communication. Many of our teachers use Class Dojo. Some of our teachers use other systems. These systems should not be the only form of communication. However, it helps tremendously when families have an account and track the progress of their children through the system that the teacher uses. Moving forward we are considering a school-wide or department-wide system, as we have heard that there are too many systems for families to follow effectively.

Beginning in January, we started to experience inclement weather. Please be sure to log on to http://www1.pgcps.org/ for updates when inclement weather occurs. You can also access the PGCPWS Web site and find the information listed at the top of the homepage and each individual school page. You can sign up for electronic notification at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/PGCPS/subscriber/new. Emergency announcements are posted on PGCPS TV, 96 Comcast & 38 Verizon. Also, tune into local television and radio stations for information. Call the PGCPS Weather Line at 301-952-6000; option 1.

Please make an extra effort in the inclement weather to arrive on time. The traffic pattern and line is more of a challenge on these days. We will continue to extend the time for tardiness on days when the weather is an issue. On days when temperatures are frigid we will try to open the doors a little earlier than 8:15 a.m. and allow scholars to stand in the foyer as we have been doing this winter. We cannot guarantee this daily but we will make an effort.

I look forward to a great remainder of the year. Thank you for your continuous partnership. We are Imagine Andrews!

H. Douglas Rice II, Principal
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A Message from the Principal

Check out the winners of the Imagine Andrews’ Ugly Sweater Contest

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1/26: STEM FAIR, 3rd-8th grade
2/10: Schools Closed, Professional Development
2/20: Schools Closed, Presidents’ Day
The United States Air Force Band, string group, graced us with their presence and played holiday carols for our students. They

The practiced and posed Imagine Andrews instrumentalists played for our school community and showed off their musical genius.
Kudos to Mr. Brooks for extending appreciation and gratitude to all the students who participated in Jump Rope For Heart charity. Those students who donated to the cause were granted an additional physical education free play day.
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November 2016 "JIF it Up" Award Recipient

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New School Volunteer Policy:
All volunteers – such as mentors, interns, tutors and chaperones - must undergo a fingerprint background check and child protective service clearance at least 14 days in advance of the day field trip, overnight trip or activity on or off school property.

A fingerprint background check must be initiated through the PGCPS Fingerprinting Office before performing duties and the child protective services clearance must be initiated through Human Resources. (Cost of Fingerprint Background Check $56.57)

Any parent/guardian who needs assistance covering the cost of a fingerprint background check, and whose child(ren) qualify for free and reduced priced meals, may request waiver of the background check fee by providing a copy of their eligibility letter from the PGCPS Department of Food and Nutrition Services.

To learn more information, please access the following website: http://www1.pgcps.org/fingerprinting/