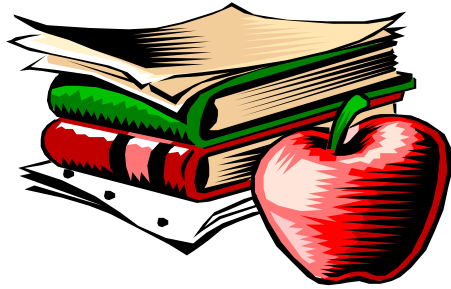


Hallen School

Principal's Newsletter
Dr. Deborah Santacapita
January, 2016



We continue to celebrate students "Caught for Being Good" on Fridays with announcements and prizes. **Morning meetings** and "Take a Break Corner" continue to help students' self-assess and self-regulate.

Students and staff have come to understand and use the **RULER Program**. It stands for; **Recognizing** emotions in yourself and others; **Understanding** the causes and consequences of emotions; **Labeling** emotions accurately; **Expressing** emotions appropriately; **Regulating** emotions effectively. The program enhances students' ability to understand and regulate their own emotions and consider how others are feeling. We have

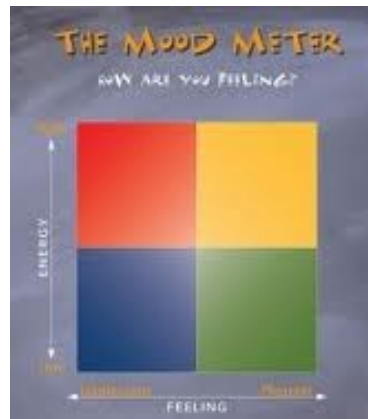
a feeling word announced every morning. The feeling word depicts the four colors of the **Mood Meter**; Red, Blue, Yellow, and Green. Every student identifies how he or she feels by the color, level of energy, and level of pleasantness on the Mood Meter. It also builds vocabulary. Please ask your child to explain the Mood Meter to you.

RED: High energy/low pleasantness

BLUE: Low energy/low pleasantness

GREEN: Low energy/high pleasantness

YELLOW: High energy/high pleasantness



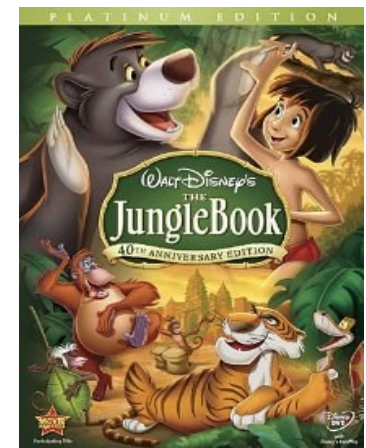
Every classroom has a **Classroom Charter** with rules that were developed by the students. Please ask your child about it. Stay tuned for family events to be planned on RULER and Turnaround Arts.....



TURNAROUND: ARTS
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Turnaround Arts initiatives such as Actor's Tool Box-Signing the Contract continues to be practiced every morning by the entire school. It reinforces the concept of; controlling your body, controlling your voice, improving your ability to focus, using your imagination, and cooperating with your classmates.

We are very excited to start auditions for **Jungle Book**. Please encourage your child to try out for this wonderful musical. Once selections are complete, we will rehearse on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30PM—4:30pm.





We continue to monitor student attendance. We had 100 students with Perfect Attendance for the First Marking Period!

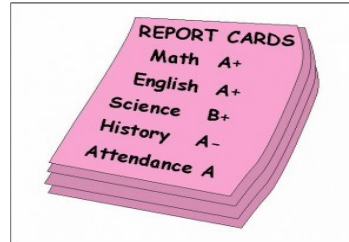
Thank you for your continued support to ensure that every student attends school every day! We continue to strive for 97% student attendance rate...

- September 96.11%
- October 96.98%
- November 94.56%
- December 95.45%



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, January 13—one session day
No after school
- Friday, January 15—Auditions for Jungle Book
- Monday, January 18 - No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesdays/Thursdays- Jungle Book Rehearsals
3:30pm-4:30pm
- Thursday, January 21– PAC Meeting 10:00am
- Tuesday, January 26– School Governance
Committee Meeting 10:00am



Our report card conferences were very well attended with an average of 81% parent/guardian attendance rate!

Attention Parents/Guardians

- Please do not drive in the parking lot.
- Please do not pick up your child between 2:45pm—3:10pm per district policy.
- During inclement weather or below 40 degrees, students will go to the gym for arrivals and dismissals— Parents are asked to remain outside the gym door.
- **This is for the safety & security of your children!**



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Hallen School community respectfully nurtures and engages each student in realistic, meaningful, and collaborative learning so every student can achieve his or her personal best.

VISION STATEMENT

In collaboration with all members of our school community, we consistently work to achieve academic excellence for all students, celebrate and appreciate our students' diversity, promote a positive school climate, and maintain an emotionally, socially, intellectually, artistically and physically safe school environment.