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Dear Parent/Guardian,

February has arrived and with it **Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Respect for All Week** (February 11th through February 15th) and the start of the second half of the 2018-19 school year. We will continue to work very hard to ensure that our youngsters have the necessary skills to be successful in their subject classes and can demonstrate proficiency on the upcoming NYS assessments in English and mathematics. Please remember that we have an extensive after school academic support program with classes in reading, math, social studies and science, as well as a Saturday program for English language learners.

Report cards were distributed on Friday, January 25th. Parents of students who currently are not meeting promotion criteria and are at-risk of being held over will receive a **Promotion in Doubt** letter very shortly. If you receive the letter, please make sure to contact your child's teachers and/or assistant principal and make every effort to attend **Parent Teacher Conferences on March 26th**.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD NEWS

***Citizens of the Month** – Students who have been selected as the Citizen of the Month for January will have their pictures posted on our special bulletin board located on the first floor.*

***Debate Teams** – Our 8th grade debate team won 1st place and our 7th grade debate team won 2nd place in the American Debate Team Winter Classic sponsored by NYS Assembly member David Weprin! Ms. Lewis is the debate team advisor.*

***Math Team** – An I.S. 237 8th grade student was the top performer in the recent Dr. Martin Luther King Math Competition and an I.S. 237 7th grader was a top performer as well. Mr. Respicio and Ms. Zhang are the team advisors.*

***Basketball** – Our boys' varsity team record (wins/losses) so far this season is 4 /4 and our girls' team is 2/4 in the NYC Middle School Basketball League. Mr. Scandariato and Ms. Marley are the coaches.*

***College Access for All (CA4A)** – By the end of spring, all 7th grade students will have visited at least one college campus and will have learned about the special programs the college offers. Ms. Strong is the CA4A coordinator.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES

2/4	Lunar New Year Special Assemblies	PARENTS INVITED.....9:45 AM and 11:15 AM
2/5	Lunar New Year	SCHOOL CLOSED
2/6	Parent Workshops: Mental Wellness and Know Your Rights	9:00 AM
2/15	Special STEM Assemblies.....	PARENTS INVITED.....9:45 AM and 11:15 AM
2/18-22	Presidents' Week	SCHOOL CLOSED
2/26-2	Grade Level Information Meetings for Parents.....	Info about grade levels date & times forthcoming

We hope to see you at many of the events described above. I look forward to continuing our work together!

Very truly yours,

Judith Friedman