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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Exciting New After School Program at NHE

Starting later this month, 120 of our first and second grade students will have an exciting opportunity to participate in a new after-school program called Excel Beyond the Bell Elementary. Invitations went out last week to many students, for whom data or teacher recommendations indicated that the students would stand to benefit from the program. However, since there are 60 slots available for first grade and 60 slots available for second grade, I fully expect we will be able to open the program to any student who wants to participate. Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB) is a free program that offers academic learning, enrichment and recreation activities, transportation and food. **The program runs from 3:25 - 6:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. EBB starts on January 28.** This program is coming to NHE in large part because of activism by members of the NHE parent community, who believed our students would benefit.

The parent registration sessions, for students who were invited, are:

Friday, January 10, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 13, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 16, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

IMPORTANT DATES

01/16 Winter Bazaar, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

01/20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

01/24 Early Release Day, Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.

01/27 No school for students

01/28 Principal's Parent Coffee, 9:00 a.m.

Lots of Students are Taking After-School Spanish Classes

More than 60 students have been participating in our after-school Spanish classes for first and second graders. We have four classes of Spanish-speaking students who have the opportunity to maintain and enrich their Spanish. And we have one class of students who are just learning to speak Spanish for the first time. It's hard to tell which group is more excited! We have a fantastic group of native-Spanish-speaking staff who have been leading these classes: second grade teacher Liliana Nativi, Head Start teacher Karla Cordon, ESOL teacher Moraima Velasco, and paraeducators Silvia Viera, Angela Romero, Olga Coronel and Elsi Bonilla. The classes run through January 22. After that, we plan to continue Spanish classes as part of the Excel Beyond the Bell program. We may also offer more Spanish classes for students who don't participate in EBB.