February 5, 2021 **Principal Communication**

Happy Friday Judah Families:

I just want to send out a friendly reminder that Monday is a holiday and there is no school. Students do not have to log in on Monday.

In addition, we have scheduled an informal introduction night for our incoming Kindergarten families. The event will take place on Thursday, February 11th at 6pm via zoom. The information is on our school website, and if you know of anyone that is looking to attend Kindergarten at Judah next year, please share the information with them. We have also attached a link to our new Kindergarten website which is included in the letter that was uploaded.

On a side note,

I was walking around the campus today and couldn’t help but reflect on the chaos and creativity that makes this community what it is. The silence sank in as the lack of vibrancy and noise doesn’t exist at this time. How we all yearn to be back and alive!

That sense of community is what drew me to Judah. That sense of community makes us so special and unique. Our young scholar’s voices, and our parents congregating in the mornings and making connections with each other always fills my bucket with joy. I miss the artwork as we walk through our hallways, the music and the kids working in the garden. I miss the science lab filled with inquiry and wonder from our young minds.

The PTA has played such a pivotal role in providing these enrichments that help our campus come **ALIVE**!, and I fear the sustainability without the events that usually take place every year to support these programs. We need PTA involvement. We need to work together as community to help to continue to build on our values and remain strong. We need ideas, and your presence…even if it is virtually. I know that is a lot to ask during these unprecedented times, but this is our current reality. This is my plea. I understand that nationally there is a drop in PTA involvement, but without funding I fear sustainability of the arts and fieldtrips. There are so many ways to engage.

Community is what brought me here, and when schools, parents, and communities partner together, great things can happen in the lives of children and young adults. We are Judah and we are strong!

**Upcoming Dates:**

* Open Enrollment 2/6- 16th
* 2/5 Student Progress Reports (Teachers will reach out to you personally with info)
* 2/8 Lincoln’s birthday no school
* 2/12 Virtual Family Dance Night (see PTA website for details)
* 2/17 PTA General Meeting via Zoom (see PTA website for details)
* 2/17 Dine, Donate at Panera Bread
* 2/19 Virtual Are Fundraiser (3pm and 6PM) PTA website

[**PTA Website Link (click here)**](http://www.theodorejudahpta.org/calendarevents.html)

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend, and thanks for your continued support

Respectfully,

Troy Holding

Proud Principal