

November 16, 2020

Dear Titan Families,

November certainly seems to be moving quickly. We are currently at the halfway point of the second quarter. The focus this month at the elementary buildings has been the character strength “kindness.” November 13<sup>th</sup> was World Kindness Day, and students in each classroom identified ways to show a little extra kindness. I was able to sit in on some virtual lessons on kindness with our remote students.

Also, this past week, our elementary students talked about our veterans and the contributions they have made to our country. They read *Scholastic News* articles and wrote reports celebrating the heroic deeds among diverse members of our military throughout history.

Mid-term progress reports are in the mail for all Jr./Sr. High School students. Please contact the high school office (513-482-7100) if you do not receive your student’s report this week.

Every five years, in order to maintain accreditation, the high school hosts an external team of administrators and teachers from Cognia. The team reviews the building’s improvement plans, observes classes, and interviews students, parents, and teachers. Due to the pandemic, the review was conducted remotely, with interviews taking place via Zoom. The “visit” was a success, and the final report from the team will be issued in December. In its initial report to administrators, the team indicated it was impressed by the positive attitude our students have towards their teachers. Also, students indicated to the review team that there is at least one adult they could go to in the building if they needed help. We are very proud to hear this from an outside group.

The district needs to hear from parents who want to change the learning platform their student currently utilizes (in-person instruction at our schools or online learning through Jefferson County Academy) for the second semester. A form is available on our website or from school and district offices to request a change in a student’s learning platform. If no form is submitted for a student, that student will continue as he or she is currently learning. The platform chosen for a student for the second semester will remain in effect the entire semester.

If you want to make a change, you may return the completed form, by November 24<sup>th</sup>, to your child’s school, or mail it to SBEP Schools, 105 Washington Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45217. Fax numbers for our schools are as follows: St. Bernard Elementary, 513-641-0278; Elmwood Place Elementary, 513-641-5502; and SBEP Jr./Sr. High School, 513-641-4878.

As always, please contact your school principal with any questions. Thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to provide the best possible educational opportunities for your child.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mimi Webb