



Week starting November 26, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

We are in our final week of November, and the first marking period for secondary students has ended. Report cards will be viewable in the Genesis Parent Portal starting Monday, November 27th. The first trimester for elementary students ends December 18th, and report cards will be viewable December 19th.

During teaching and learning, students are presented with their learning objectives at the beginning and end of each lesson. It is called our WALT Statement. Teachers are required to display the WALT statement for each lesson. Students are also presented with their Success Criteria, which inform them of what they must do to meet their WALT statement. As you review your child's grades and their learning journey, ask them about their WALT statements (We Are Learning To...). Please have your child reflect on their learning and success criteria. Reflection is a crucial skill to build cognition.

Last week, I led our principals, directors, and supervisors on walkthroughs in elementary classrooms. We discussed the classroom environment, student engagement, and instructional strategies. Our feedback included strengths and growth. Responses were charted and provided to the building principal to share with the staff. Our walkthroughs support learning walks our administrators will participate in to address student achievement and build relationships throughout the district.

Teachers facilitated purposeful talk. Students were happy and engaged in the learning process. During common planning time, professional learning included reviewing the PreK - Tools of the Mind Curriculum components. We are thankful for our time in and out of the classrooms.

This month, during American Education Week, a day was dedicated to supporting educators' support staff. Our paraprofessionals work under our special education programming by providing support to classroom instruction and direct service to students. Thank you to our paraprofessionals for the work that you do.

If you know anyone interested in becoming a full-time paraprofessional or a part-time instructional aide, apply online. Go to the job opportunities tab on our website and click on support staff positions.

Take care,
Atiya Y. Perkins
Superintendent of Schools