



Week starting December 3, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

Our month kicked off on Friday, December 1st when all things "Science" were discussed with our district's science implementation team. Supervisors, principals, vice principals, and teachers in 5th and 8th grade make up our professional learning team. Our district is participating in the FOSS (Full Option Science System) implementation pilot. According to their website, "FOSS is a research-based science curriculum for grades K-8 that allows students to think and act like scientists and engineers".

On Wednesday, students will have an early release ½ a day for Teacher In-Service. Lunch will be served. Communicate with the child's principal to confirm dismissal time for your child.

Starting Thursday, December 7th, Hannukah begins. To embrace the spirit of Hannukah, our schools will incorporate educational activities and discussions about the meaning behind this holiday. We must foster an inclusive environment where all students feel respected and valued.

We kindly request that parents who celebrate Hannukah inform their child's teacher if they would like to share any related traditions or experiences with the class. This will allow us to create a more comprehensive understanding of this holiday and promote cultural diversity in our schools.

I am pleased to announce that our Governors' Educators of the Year Recipients have been identified. We will announce the winners on Friday, December 8th, in a district-wide video. Congratulations to the winners and all nominees. We take pride in your contributions and commitment to our district. Thank you to all who sent in nominations.

As we navigate this busy time of the year, I encourage everyone to remember the importance of safety and well-being. Let us continue to support and uplift each other as a strong and united community.

Wishing you all a joyous week and a meaningful Hannukah celebration for those who observe it.

Take care,
Atiya Y. Perkins
Superintendent of Schools