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Washington School Families:

I hope this letter finds you well and happy to start the Month of February. Welcome to Black History Month! I am writing this letter as a means of communicating some timely information. This month, we will engage in a bevy of events, intended to extend learning and experiences beyond the classrooms. To name a few: we will be challenging our students each day with a Black History Month Trivia question/ competition, and we will host a 3rd and 4th Grade Spelling Bee. Parents, teachers will share the times when the Bee event is happening; I welcome you to come and witness this event in person. In classes, teachers have prepared specific events and creative projects to celebrate the notable lives of those in history. Schoolwide, we will have an assembly and showcase the talents of tap- dancing twins who are truly remarkable and talented. We will celebrate the 100 days of school on Feb. 15 (stay tuned for more details) as well as the sold out *Sweetheart Dance* from 5pm- 7 pm for only those who have already purchased tickets. Accordingly, there will be NO after- school programs of any kind on Feb. 15th.

The PTO will host a *Jersey Day* for all staff and students in preparation for the Super Bowl on Friday, February 9, 2024. Additional details will be shared next week.

Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, those who pre- ordered *Friendship Pictures*, will have their pictures taken in front of the Sweetheart background.

Parents, stay tuned for the *Bang Cookie* fundraiser, as all of our fundraising efforts are to raise money for our end of year activities for the students. We have some great ideas underway and look forward to sharing these experiences with our students.

As an aside, I want to thank those of you who purchased the school spirit wear this time! The students and staff look great displaying their school spirit gear!! If you missed this chance, we will have another order soon.

Have a great month ahead! I will see you soon!

In partnership,

Principal Lih

