



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! Happy February! I hope everyone is surviving the cold Minnesota winter! Our second-trimester conferences are already upon us, it's hard to believe! I will be sending home conference confirmation slips today in the Thursday folders. Please check your time and mark whether or not that date/time works for you, then sign the form, and return it to school with your child tomorrow. If you have a time conflict, please email me as soon as possible, so that I may find a better time for you. Please also remember that these conferences will be student-led and will last 30 minutes. The first 15 minutes of the conference will consist of your child presenting his/her portfolio of work to you. After the portfolio presentation, I will then meet with you and your child for the next 15 minutes to discuss his/her progress to this point and review fall conference goals.

This month, we have several IB Profiles and Attitudes that we are focusing on in the school. The profiles we are working toward are Integrity, and being Open-Minded. The attitudes are Respect, Tolerance, and Appreciation. This is a great time to discuss these with your child, and find books related to these topics. We also continue to work on our first IB Unit of Inquiry about water. Feel free to send any interesting books, artifacts or other water-related materials to class, for your child to share with the rest of us! We are also in the final stages of our animal research project, now typing it and creating Eric Carle-style paintings for a cover. It is great to see all of students' hard work and enthusiasm melding into one final project.

On Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Valentine's Day Fiesta in our class. If your child chooses to make valentines for any of their classmates, please remember that they should make them for the entire class, and not leave out any students from our class. If you are uncomfortable with your child participating in a Valentine's Day Fiesta, please let me know and I will provide alternative activities for your child.

## Reminders:

If you would like to enroll the sibling of an ISLA student for Kindergarten next year, please send in an enrollment form. Forms sent in by February 13<sup>th</sup>, will lead to automatic enrollment. After the 13<sup>th</sup>, enrollment is NOT automatic. Call Emily in the office with questions.

## Upcoming Events:

**Monday, February 9:** PTO Meeting at 7pm

**Tuesday, February 10:** ISLA Board Meeting at 7pm

**February 10, 12 and 17:** Elementary Conferences from 4-8pm; student-led.

**February 16:** No School - President's Day

**February 17:** Late Start Day