

March 2024

# PREP ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

### PREP NOTES

- Now is a great time to check Infinite Campus for current progress on topic scores and to identify any missing work that might exist.
- The Illustrative Math curriculum has excellent resources for families available online. You can find explanations for current math topics and helpful videos explaining the concepts being studied.  
<https://im.kendallhunt.com/MS/families/2/index.html>
- We have an amazing dedicated team of bus drivers who ensure our students get to and from Prep Academy safely every day. It's that time of year that some students may need a reminder to be prompt boarding the bus and respectful during their short ride. A big thank you to the students who do not need reminding.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MARCH

Monday-Friday 3/11/24-3/15/24 - SPRING BREAK

Monday, 3/18/24 - No School - Professional Development

Tuesday, 3/19/24 - No School - Professional Development

Tuesday, 3/19/24 - Conferences. Families have a choice- From 12-3:30 phone conferences with a link to book yours coming soon. From 4-7pm, drop-in conferences will be held - no appointment necessary.

### WHAT'S NEXT AT PREP?

- Math: Students continue to work on Expressions, Equations and Inequalities. They have been writing and solving equations and inequalities and are always encouraged to complete the practice problems for each lesson as homework. Interested in learning more?  
<https://im.kendallhunt.com/MS/families/2/6/index.html>
- English - Students are completing their essays focused on writing construction, using Farewell to Manzanar and a George Takei speech to construct their arguments around overcoming adversity. Essays are due March 7th. After Spring Break, students will be reading The Diary of Anne Frank.

### BRAINOLGY

In the next few weeks during Brainology, Prep Academy students will set goals, reflect on their plan, tools and strategies to reach that goal, then create an action plan for achieving the goal.

They will have the opportunity to give themselves a mental check-up on their strategies, challenges and mindset for learning. They will review some stress relief and learning strategies and reflect on how they might be able to manage their stress. Finally, students will review study tips like time management, motivation, and performance strategies.

## REMINDERS

### Parent Portal and New Attendance Email:

Please use the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to report your student's absences. By using the Parent Portal to report your student absent it will be reported to ALL of the buildings they attend, i.e. Central Academy, Central Campus, and Home Schools. Please see the directions for the Parent Portal below.

[Parent Portal Absence Request Directions-2024.docx](#)

### Infinite Campus:

Infinite Campus is your one-stop destination for information about your student's individual progress including grades on assignments, missing assignments and as time progresses, topic scores. Use this link to sign into the parent portal: <https://desmoinesia.infinitecampus.org/campus/desmoines.jsp> Once signed in, click on any link in blue for more detailed information about your child's progress. For more information on the use of infinite campus, visit <HTTPS://www.dmschools.org/infinite-campus-studentparent-portal/>

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