



# Charger Chatter

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*Cherry Park:  
Leading Today's Learners  
To Solve Tomorrow's Challenges*

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## Dates To Remember...

- \* **February 13:** No School
- \* **February 16:** Presidents Day - No School
- \* **February 17:** Cherry Park Construction Meeting @ 7pm in the Library
- \* **February 20:** Spirit Day - Disney Day!
- \* **February 27:** Assembly @ 2:30pm & Popcorn Friday

## \*Coffee Wednesdays\*



Parents, please join us every Wednesdays at 10:00 am for a cup of coffee (or tea) and a chat. This is an informal time to make connections with other parents and community members!

## Typing Champs

Congratulations to Mia Elena B., Dajah Y., Lodi A., and Pasha S., who passed Level 10 in Type To Learn 4! Keep up the great work!

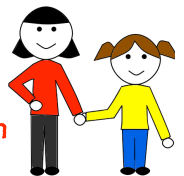


## Students Of The Month

*These students were especially RESPONSIBLE during January!*

- Ms. Lalande's Class- Harmony M. & Talee R.
- Mrs. Reed's Class- Frankie G.-P. & Aria B.
- Mrs. Callaway's Class- Diana B. & Gwendolyn C.
- Mrs. Steele's Class- Kate R. & Amy N.
- Mrs. Weinert's Class- AJ S. & Jayce F.
- Mrs. LeBlanc's Class- Sheller J. & Madison E.
- Ms. Senthirajah's Class- Haniyah A. & Daniel N.
- Mr. Soule's Class- Emily P. & Victor. B.-B.
- Mrs. Zurcher's Class- Madeline F. & Zeke S.
- Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Chantiny's Class- Maddi G. & Alejandro M.
- Mrs. O'Brien's Class- Maddie C. & Kealani W.
- Mr. Adams's Class- Moriah T. & Tre M.-M.
- Mr. Flitcroft's Class- Kelli L. & Nelly S.
- Mr. Judd's Class- Bryan M.-G. & Gabby K.
- Mrs. Blair's Class- Daila G. Z. & David C.
- Mr. Spooner's Class- Neha S. & Daniel K.
- Mr. Sager's Class- Mitchell R. & Esmeralda M. E.
- Mrs. Pogue's Class- Kylie G. & Anastasiya Z.
- Mr. McKenzie's Class- Jed M.
- Mrs. Schroder's Class- Payton H.

Cherry Park's Trait Of The Month  
For February is GOOD FRIEND!



## Exciting Construction News!

Cherry Park will be having big renovations and construction this summer. Due to the generous support of our taxpayers we will be adding five classrooms to our school. We will also be re-configuring our office and adding a community resource space. The rest of our school will be getting a facelift with new paint, refinished floors, and some new plumbing. We'll also be adding a covered play area so students can go outside for recess on drizzly days. In order to get all our projects completed by September we will be starting construction in April. The early start shouldn't be a huge distraction to our learning, but may require some patience. We will be completely moving out of our building in June. Any help with this enormous task will be greatly appreciated. We had our first informational meeting in December. If you missed it and would like more information we will be meeting again, on **Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM in the Cherry Park Library.**

## Free Food For Cherry Park Families

Cherry Park is pleased to offer free food to our families on Mondays and Thursday at 11am. Each week different food is available, such as bread, vegetables, fruit, drinks and desserts. If you would like free food, please bring your own bag or box and come to the doors by the gym at 11am on any Monday and/or Thursday (except holidays.) This program is made possible thanks to generous donations from Urban Gleaners (<http://www.urbangleaners.org/>).

## Reduced-Price Internet For Families

If your child qualifies for free or reduced-price meals at school, you may also qualify for a program that offers reduced-cost internet connections at home. The Internet Essentials program through Comcast provides qualified families with low-cost, high-speed internet (\$9.95 per month plus tax), with the promise that the fee will never increase. Visit [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) or call 1-855-8-INTERNET to learn more about this program.

## Message From SUN

The Metropolitan Family Service SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) program is so happy to be at Cherry Park this year! As you might have experienced, we have had some major bumps along the road getting started this year. Jonicia Shelton, our site manager, has decided to move out of the position, and MFS is already working on a plan to hire a new permanent site manager as soon as possible. In the interim, Chris Wearn and I will be covering the program over the next few weeks and creating a transition plan. We have over 15 years of collective experience with SUN and confidence that we can get this program on track. If you need to get in contact with either of us, please call the SUN cell phone at [503.902.8766](tel:503.902.8766) or e-mail me at [katis@metfamily.org](mailto:katis@metfamily.org).

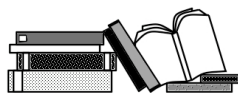
On behalf of MFS, I would like to sincerely apologize for any negative experience you have had with SUN. We very much appreciate your involvement with SUN and your school, and we are going to work really hard to smooth out this program and make sure we have a great year!

Sincerely,  
Kati Stenseth

## Smarter Balance Practice

Are you curious about the new Smarter Balance test that will be given to our third, fourth and fifth grade students this Spring? Take a peek at the online practice tests. We encourage you to have your student practice several times so they understand the formatting. Of course, we will be practicing a little bit at school, but if you would like to follow up as well at home, feel free:

<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>



Upcoming

**Library Days**

"A" Day Classes: Mr. Spooner, Mrs. Brown & Mrs. Chantiny, Mr. Flitcroft, Ms. Lalande, Mrs. Steele, Ms. Senthirajah: **February 17, 20, 25; March 2, 5, 10, 13, and 18.**

"B" Day Classes: Mr. Sager, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Judd, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Weinert, and Mr. Soule: **February 18, 23, 26; March 3, 6, 11, 16, and 19.**

"C" Day Classes: Mrs. Pogue, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Callaway, Mrs. LeBlanc, and Mrs. Zurcher: **February 12, 19, 24, and 27; March 4, 9, 12, and 17.**