



Be a Binkley HERO by **H**elping **E**veryone **R**espect **O**thers

January 6, 2020

Dear Families,

Happy New Year, 2020!! We hope you all had a relaxing and memorable Winter Break. The Binkley Staff is excited to welcome the students to the new year. This week, classrooms will be revisiting routines and procedures as a way to reestablish expectations and start a fresh, positive beginning for the second stretch of the school year.

As we kick off 2020, we have a renewed sense of hope and vision. The Kimochi Kotowaza for the month of January is ***Hopeful; A hopeful heart makes many things possible.*** We tell students that sometimes we feel frustrated, uncomfortable, angry and exhausted and just want to give up. However, we model for them how to use their tools to spread positivity, share a smile, encourage others, and keep a growth mindset. Staff will be recognizing students at Monday assemblies this month who exhibit a hopeful heart and share their hopefulness with others.

On Friday, your child will meet NED! NED is a character who is on a Mindset Mission. His name stands for ***Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best.*** He will be coming to Binkley for an assembly to talk with students about the power of YET and to share his message of positivity and determination. He will address growth mindset, bullying and how to be an upstander. He uses yo-yo's as a tool for relaying these messages to students. This amazing assembly is free to schools, however through yo-yo sales, we reimburse them for their efforts. ***Yo-yo's will be available for sale January 10, 13, and 14 before and after school for \$8, \$10, and \$15, depending on the style. Prices include tax and checks can be made payable to Binkley Elementary.***

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration opens on January 21st! If you or someone you know is looking to register your child and would like more information on our program, please consider one or both of the following opportunities. Come hear about what makes Binkley the perfect school choice!

- **Binkley Site Tour:** Attend one of our monthly Kindergarten tours. Our next one is on Thursday, January 9 at 8:45. Call Ms. Anderson in the office at 539-6060 to sign up.
- **Transitional Kindergarten District Information Night:** There will be a TK Information Night Thursday, January 9 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Rincon Valley District Office.

Noon Duty Positions: Recess is especially challenging for some students during the rainy season. The more noon-duty positions filled, the more options we can offer students. If you are available, or know of anyone that is, even for a day or two during the week and would like to help, please see Principal Kjaer for details. More supervision tends to result in more positive student interactions on the yard and in classrooms.

Future Chefs: If your child is a 4th or 5th grade student, they are encouraged to participate in Rincon Valley's Future Chefs Competition! This year's competition is for a Favorite School Lunch Meal - Reimagined! One lucky winner from each school will be chosen as finalists to compete in our contest at Village Elementary School on March 25, 2020. As a bonus, the winner of this event will be entered in a Future Chefs National Competition for some great prizes! **PICK UP THE ENTRY FORM TODAY!** They're available in the Cafeteria or the Main Office! Turn them in to the Cafeteria or Main Office by January 24, 2020.

A few FYI's and reminders:

- **Early Dismissal January 6:** January 6 is a school day, with early 1:57 dismissal.
- **Wednesday is Walk & Roll to School:** Walk or roll your way to school this Wednesday, January 8th, or join the Walking School Bus on foot from Tanglewood Park at 8:10.
- **RVEF Winter Enrichment Classes:** Registration is now open! Check out the amazing offerings at <http://www.rvef.org/afterschoolenrichment.html>
- **Chorus for Grades 4-6:** There is no 4-6 chorus this week. Class starts back up January 22.
- **Boosters Newsletter Link:** Keep informed about the latest and greatest events by signing up for the Binkley Boosters' newsletter at this link <https://mailchi.mp/2523e09cda79/binkley-boosters-email-signup!>

Wishing you all a fabulous week, Bobcats!

With smiles,

Principal Kjaer