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What We Did in January

Academic Support

Finish Strong | We helped cubs who had 3 or more Ds and Fs to set grade goals and work to meet them, and monitored Math Support Advisories to get students needed math help.

Highly Capable Referrals | We helped the fabulous Erin Johnson get all the teacher and parent referrals needed to get ready for Hi-Cap testing in Feb. 16 cubs will be testing for hi-cap services next year.

2nd Semester Schedules | We did our darndest to get second semester schedules all good to go, including reading intervention changes, math changes, and balancing electives!

New Student Season | We had ELEVEN new students in January, and each was welcomed by a personal Cub Guide and and Anchored4Life tour crew!

Social/Emotional Support

Mindfulness | Our first round of mindful students finished their group and learned so much! You might see them carrying around mantras or positive affirmations to encourage themselves in tough moments.

Cool Cats | Students are still meeting up together during lunch on Thursdays! First lunch meets on the balcony until the weather beckons us back out to the courtyard. Third lunch has morphed into Cool Cats in the Kitchen, meeting in Ms. Cherry's room.

6th Graders | We did it! All our 6th graders know their counselor!



Other Support




Attendance Push | We met with LOTS of students this month to talk about attendance; doing first step check ins, calling home, and completing attendance barriers. Being at school consistently is the foundation of feeling connected to and confident in learning.

Anchored4Life | A4L did their second service project! They set up a nice, seated area for our lunch ladies and CW in the Commons, letting them sit back and relax during lunch. Students walked around picking up trash, and then cleaned up after lunch while CW and the lunch ladies enjoyed a nice Starbucks drink.



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Coming Up in February

Academic Support    | For students who ended the semester still struggling (3 or more Ds/Fs), we will be making sure they each have a plan, including check-ins, to start the semester off strong.

Operation Registration | It's that time of year where we start planning all things NEXT school year in terms of the glorious master schedule and course requests.

5th Grade Transition Planning | We'll start scheduling elementary visits, communicating with families, and advocating for guarantees on important information getting to the right people about our incoming kids!


National School Counselor Week

Feb 5th-9th is National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Ever wonder what your school does? And how it helps your students? Reading this newsletter is a great place to start! So is [watching this 10min video from @counselingwithmrb](#) if you've got a few extra minutes in your day.

Student Improvement Time

Let's kick off second semester the right way! ALL CKMS families are encouraged to adopt [Student Improvement Time](#) at home. On average, it takes about 21 days to kickstart a new habit - which means February is the perfect month for a new after school normal.

It's Love Month!

We'll be getting busy promoting all things love and kindness and caring during Love Month! Stephanie's gonna bring back her pink heart glasses, and invites you to get nerdy about loving-kindness too 

Social/Emotional Support

Groups Groups Groups! | We've got all kinds of groups going for second semester, because all the research shows middle school students learn BEST in the context of their peers. Ever notice how you can say something a hundred times and it doesn't stick, but your child's friend says it once and it's law?? We're harnessing that power with groups! Anchored4Life, Guys Leveling Up, Mindfulness, Cool Cats, Grief/Loss/Healing After, GEMS, and more are all ways we'll be helping students learn and grow together.

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