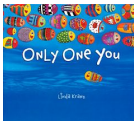




January Principal Message

Dear Fales Friends,

Happy 2018! Fales Elementary will celebrate the New Year by enjoying [Random Acts of Kindness Week](#) from Tuesday, January 2nd to Friday, January 5th. During the week each student will work on decorating a special rock to spread joy and kindness. Each of these rocks will find a home along the windows of our walkway into Fales. We look forward to sharing them with everyone! Thank you to the Fales Parent Group supporting this event by helping us to purchase needed supplies. On Thursday, January 4th, Mrs. Yanco will lead us in a school sing along with the focus on celebrating kindness. We are looking forward to a wonderful week!



Our Book of the Month for January is *Only One You* by Linda Kranz. Our school counselor, Mrs. Catarius shared it with me. This book is about the powerful love between parents and their children. The author shared that she wanted "this colorful story to be a springboard that allows families to talk about memories and life lessons with their children." One of main messages in the story is to celebrate who you are as a person. This book has a perfect connection to our kindness rock project, as the illustrations are done with painted rocks. We hope everyone enjoys the book this month!



Now that the temperature has dropped and the possibility of snow is always around the corner, we have a few reminders about recess. We will have outdoor recess if the wind chill is 20°F or above. If the wind chill is below 20°F, there will be indoor recess. When playing outdoors in the snow, it is important for students to keep all snow and ice on the ground. Students may add to the snow creations built on the playground by other students, but they should not destroy the work of others.

Students that want to play in the snow must wear snow boots and snow pants. Please note we do not go into the snow during our before school recess. **Be sure to label all snow gear to ensure it is easy to identify at the end of each day.** Snow gear should go home each afternoon. We suggest that all students practice putting their gear on at home so they are able to get ready for recess as independently as possible. We look forward to fun times in the snow this winter!

A Few Important Dates...

- Jan. 1 Happy New Year!
- Jan. 3 Classes Resume
- Jan. 2-5 Random Acts of Kindness Week at Fales
- Jan. 4 School Sing-a-long with Mrs. Yanco - 9 a.m.
- Jan. 10 Fales Parent Group Meeting - 7 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
- Jan. 12 Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:55. Lunch will not be served.
- Jan. 15 School Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 Fales Diversity Council Meeting - 8 a.m - Fales Library
- Jan. 17 Fales Character Education Council Meeting - 3:15 p.m. - Fales Library
- Jan. 22 Fales School Council Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Fales School Office
- Jan. 22-26 Food Pantry Collection - Breakfast Foods
- Jan. 26 School Meeting - 9 a.m - Cafeteria / Rainbow Day - Wear rainbow colors
- Jan. 30 Kindergarten Brush and Floss Program

We wish you a very happy and healthy 2018! May it be a year filled with kindness, peace, learning, and fun!

Take good care,

Mrs. Stannard ©