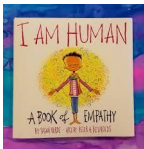




January Principal Message

Dear Fales Friends,

Happy 2019! As we enter into the New Year it is an opportunity to focus on goals for ourselves and our community. Fales Elementary will celebrate the New Year by enjoying [Random Acts of Kindness Week](#) from Wednesday, January 2nd to Friday, January 5th. These days give us a chance to reflect on how we have been kind to others and ways we could improve. We will decorate our tree outside of the cafeteria sharing by the many different ways we show kindness to each other. We hope this brings a smile to everyone that sees the tree and inspires us all to choose kindness!



Our Book of the Month for January is *I am Human, A Book of Empathy* written by Susan Verde and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. Mrs. Ciccone shared this book with me and as soon as I read it, I knew I wanted to share it with all of you! The message of this book is a perfect match for our Fales community. Part of the Author's Note in the book says, "*I am Human* is the story of what it means to be a human being as both an individual and within our worldwide human community. As humans, we make mistakes, but that also means we have the ability to choose how we respond to our mistakes. We can learn from them and change. We can be kind to one another even when it is difficult. We can choose love and compassion and celebrate the "human-ness" in all of us." Happy reading and thinking!



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. 2	Classes Resume
Jan. 2-4	Random Acts of Kindness Week at Fales
Jan. 9	Fales Parent Group Meeting - 7 p.m. - Fales Cafeteria
Jan. 11	Half Day for Students - Dismissal at 11:55. Lunch will not be served.
Jan. 15	Fales Diversity Council Meeting - 8 a.m - Fales Library
Jan. 21	School Closed - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 22-25	Food Pantry Collection - Breakfast Food Items
Jan. 25	School Meeting - 9 a.m - Cafeteria / Silly Hair or Hat Day
Jan. 28	Fales School Council Meeting - 8:30 a.m. - Fales School Office
Jan. 30	Fales Character Education Council Meeting - 3:15 p.m. - School Office

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2019! May it be a year filled with kindness, peace, learning, and fun!

Take good care,

Mrs. Stannard ©