

# **MLK**

## **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School**

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Dear Families of the MLK School,

The outside of a family's refrigerator often holds many important reminders: special photographs, menus of favorite restaurants, unique magnets of past vacations, and other odds and ends. Growing up, I sometimes remember asking my parents if I could place my report card on the refrigerator (only the ones with the good marks!). This was no small request considering I had three other siblings who each wanted their own space on the fridge. No doubt, report cards can be an anxious and proud time for students, teachers, and families. Our new, slimmer, report cards are aimed at retaining the popular characteristics of the old report card—including teacher comments and social skills/work ethic—while making student progress more easily understood. I would like to extend a special thanks to our Instructional Leadership Team and Report Card Committee for spending countless hours in this endeavor. We also hope that you return a survey on our modifications that will be attached to report cards. Teachers have been asked to use these report cards as a summative snapshot of a student's progress and to be used as a bridge for more conversations and communication. We hope that these report cards provide opportunities for meaningful conversations that will help all of us learn to our potential.

On Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, our entire school enjoyed a field trip to the Museum of Science! This was a special event as our junior kindergarteners through eighth graders wandered through three floors of science exhibitions and saw either an IMAX or 3D movie. Thank you to our many parent chaperones and incredible teachers for making the trip enjoyable for all! It truly was a special event and one that we hope to repeat in the spring to a new destination!

Finally, please mark your calendars for our annual Chinese New Year Celebration! It begins at 9:30AM in the auditorium on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Our Chinese teachers have been hard at work preparing our students for performances that reflect Chinese customs and history. We hope you can join us in celebrating the Year of the Tiger! Our work together is special and important as we work towards academic excellence for all.

Sincerely,

Gerald Yung  
Principal