

(MS)² WEEKLY NEWS

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From the Head of School

Greetings (MS)² Parents, Students and School Community:

As we move into the second week of the 2006 school year, students and faculty have embraced the new block schedule and homeroom changes with enthusiasm and very positive attitudes! The schedule is designed to provide the teachers and students with more quality instructional time and to minimize the number of transitions between classrooms. Initial student, teacher and parent responses have been very supportive.

The homeroom changes are intended to create "balanced" homerooms that contain students with different ability levels and interests, and that maximize the learning within the classrooms. During the three years that our students will be at (MS)², there will undoubtedly be other changes in homerooms that will challenge all of the students to make new friends and work with other students. Working together and getting along with each other is one of the primary challenges for every group of students, especially the inaugural Class of 2008!

Parental involvement is a critical aspect of the (MS)² school community. There are many opportunities for parents to contribute, including being chaperones for upcoming field trips (next one to see award-winning film, "Boys of Baraka" on February 6th), assisting in the administration office, setting up the school library, and assisting with lunch and study hall monitoring. Please contact Ms. Lori Hayman at 202.806.7725 to become a Parent Volunteer.

Lastly, parents, please review the (MS)² uniform policy with your student(s). As stated in previous

newsletters, only (MS)² cardigan sweaters can be worn over the standard uniform. If you have not obtained one, please contact Mr. Maqubela or Ms. Moldiz at 806-7590.

Dr. Paul Organ

Block Schedule

Monday will be a Schedule C day.

Health Class

A reminder that all students have Health once a week. Health classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 6th

**Field Trip
"Boys of Baraka"**

Friday, February 10th

**School Closed for
Professional Development**

Saturday, February 11th

Family Workshop

Monday, February 20th

**School Closed
President's Day**

"Boys of Baraka"

Included in this week's Parent Pouch are: a flyer about this month's Environmental Film Festival; synopsis of "Boys of Baraka;" a flyer for the New Community After School and Advocacy Program, and the Block Schedules. Please refer to the "Boys of Baraka" flyer for information about the January 6th field trip.

Website of the Week

www.funbrai.com