

January 6, 2012

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed time with your children! At Propel East, we are excited about 2012 and eagerly anticipating the continuation of an excellent school year. We would like to begin the new year with a couple reminders.

Remember: There is a strong positive correlation between regular, punctual school attendance and student performance and learning. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30 AM, and students are considered "Tardy" after this time. If your child is tardy or absent, please send an excuse to school with them as soon as they return. Please refer to the appropriate section of the *Propel Schools Code of Conduct* for the official attendance policy.

Remember: We are currently in the thick of winter weather, and many students will want to wear boots to school. Our policy allows for shoes (including boots) that are black or brown. Students wearing boots should ALWAYS have a pair of tennis shoes to change into if needed. No footwear that limits full participation in school activities is ever acceptable. Again, check the *Propel Schools Code of Conduct* for the School Dress Code.

We would also like to invite you to stay tuned for a number of upcoming events. All families of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to a recruitment dinner for the after-school program, WiN, funded by Wireless Neighborhood. Please join us on Wednesday, January 11th, from 6:30-8:00 to learn more about the program. If your child already participates in WiN, please join us for dinner too! Questions and RSVPs should be directed to Kristin Klingensmith at kklingensmith@propelschools.org or 412-823-0347, Ext. 105.

4Sight Testing is January 9th and 10th: On Monday and Tuesday, January 9th and 10th, Propel East will administer the 4Sight Tests to students in grades 3-8. This is a practice run for PSSAs, and the entire building will operate in test mode for those two days. As a result, we will not be able to welcome visitors to the building and classrooms on those days. Please make sure your child gets adequate sleep over the weekend, eats right, and is on time on Monday and Tuesday.

Have a wonderful weekend and GO STEELERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ms. Sandy Gough
Principal

Mr. Mike Evans
Assistant Principal