



Howard Burnham Elementary

January Newsletter

January 2021

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! May the New Year bring you hope, joy, and good health. I am hopeful that things will get better soon, and I will see all our students back at school happy and eager to learn. Whether your child is coming to school face to face or virtually, I am proud of the work they have done. I am hopeful that everyone found time to read, spend time with family, play outside, and re-energize for the coming semester. Please remind your child about the three simple things that will bring them success this semester at school:

1. Come to school every day
2. Work hard
3. Be kind

Until we resume our normal schedule, please know that I am here to serve you.

Martha Franco,

Principal

A New Year's Resolution

We are working hard to maintain and improve our attendance rate at Howard Burnham Elementary. Our goal is to obtain an average of 97% this year. State law requires that students attend school 90% of the time. Please make every effort to have your child attend/log in to school every day. While we understand that certain illnesses and family emergencies can't be avoided, we know parents do have control over those "early outs" and "vacation days" when school is in session. Also, now that drop off procedures are running smoother, we are asking parents to drop off their children by 7:45, our standard start time. Tardies will be recorded at 7:50 a.m. Thank you for making this adjustment.

The first step in a student's success is being present in class every instructional day. Every day in the classroom counts!

Important Dates in January

January 8 – Report cards issued

January 11 – Students return

January 18 – **No School** MLK Jr. Day

January 29 – Early Dismissal/Staff Development for Teachers

January 31 – Progress reports issued

Friendly reminder to please be courteous and patient when dropping and picking up your children. Safety First!

New Assistant Principal

Please help me welcome Mr. Ramiro Esparza to our Howard Burnham family. He will be our new half time Assistant Principal. He comes to us from Da Vinci High School where he will continue to serve as Assistant Principal. He has been in the education field for 17 years as a teacher, coach and administrator.