

JANUARY

2019

# PONDO PRIDE

**Ready, Set, Go!**  
**2nd Semester is starting soon!**



Dear Ponderosa Families,

Happy New Year! In three short weeks, we will be finishing our first semester (January 25th is the last day of the first semester). The time is going quickly. The beginning of the new year is a great time to reflect on our current goals and ask if they are still relevant or need to be changed. What can we do as parents and as a school, to help improve your student's educational and social learning?

This month we are going to be partnering with KU and having a CPM Math Parent Night on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. It will be held at KU on the first floor. The purpose of the event is to provide information about the curriculum's philosophy and lesson structure. There will be a Q&A session with Math Consultant, Janis Heigl and CPM Coach, Darrell Trussell. Parent resources such as Parent Guides, homework help, eTools, and Toolkits will be available. If you want to learn more about your student's math curriculum and how to better support them, please consider attending.

Looking ahead to February, we will be having our Parent/Teacher conferences February 6th and 7th. More information will be coming in the next week or two.

Communication with parents is vital for student success. If you have not signed up with us to receive Text Messages or Emails through School Messenger, I would ask that you do so. It is and quick easy way for Ponderosa to get information to you so you can be better informed about what is happening. Here is how you would sign up...

1. Text Messaging: Opt-In system. Text YES to 68453 to begin the Opt-In process. To Opt-Out reply to a text with STOP. If you have opted-out and have changed your mind, you can opt-in by texting 68453 again. Please see the Text FAQs.
2. Email Messages: Emails sent through School messenger are sent to the email on record in our student information system. To opt-out of broadcast emails, click on the Unsubscribe link at the bottom of the email.

You can find more information at <http://www.kfalls.k12.or.us/schmess.htm>

Here's to a new year!  
Brett Lemieux, Principal

## **From Alex Chavez, Vice Principal**

Welcome back from the break, Ponderosa families!

Incredibly, we're already nearing the mid-way point of the school year. I wanted to thank the nearly 160 families whose kids have perfect or excellent attendance so far! Most schools are only in session for about half of the 365 days of the year. With class time being so valuable and scarce, Ponderosa will continue celebrating the students and families who are able to maintain excellent attendance, or show growth in their attendance over the course of the year. Our local SUBWAY restaurants have donated over 100 free sandwich award certificates! Thank you SUBWAY! These will be given to students with perfect attendance this month. Bobcat families, thank you for your dedication to continued excellent attendance. We'll do our best work here, so that our community can benefit from your children being their best selves, and doing their best work!

## **Boy's Basketball has started!**

**The coaches are Mike Overstreet and Cary Bigby**

**Mr. Overstreet and Miss Bigby are very excited about this year's team. We have a lot of great talent!**

**The Blue Team will have 6 home games and the White Team will have 4 home games.**

**White Team vs Blue Team game will be on Jan. 14th.**

**Please come out and support Pondo sports!**



**Thursday, Jan. 24th**

**Coming up soon!**

**2nd Quarter Reward Gold Card Trip**

**Diamond  
Lake Sledding**

**Congratulations!**

**January 24th- 8:30a.m. – approx. 4:00ish  
Sledding, Bonfire, Hot Cocoa and  
S'mores**

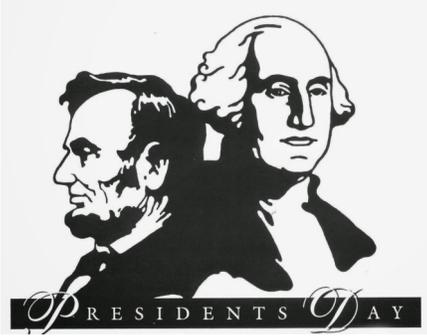


**(Gold Cards are earned with grades above 3.25 gpa, no behavior referrals and regular attendance.)**

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**Wrestling practice has begun and is open to all students through next Friday, January 11th. Practices will be weekdays from 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m. in the multi purpose room. Participation forms and schedules are available in the main office.**





## Dates coming up:

Jan. 21- Martin Luther King Day Jr. (No School)

Jan. 25 - Grade Prep Day (No School)

Feb. 6-7 - Student Led Conferences

Feb. 8 - Certified in Service (No School)

Feb. 18 - President's Day (No School)

March 25-29 - Spring Vacation (No School)

### January ACE Card Events

1/11 Hat Day

Cost is 3 ACE CARDS



1/18 Day Dance

5 ACE CARDS

Each grade will have it's own dance during the school day!

**AVID** is looking for hardworking, motivated students who are interested in going to college to join our elective for Semester 2. If you'd like help getting started on this dream, come to the front office to pick up an application! Applications are due back to the office by January 16th.