Dunlap Elementary Parent Communication January 23, 2021

Letter from Principal Talbert

Swearing in a new President and Vice President of the United States of America is always an emotional event, but the performance of Amanda Gorman, national youth poet at the Inauguration captured the hearts of both young and old with her poem, The Hill We Climb.

Amanda Gorman

Her poem ends with these words, “When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

We, at Dunlap, have a dream - that our students’ journey of coming into being will be paved with courage, seeds to cultivate their sense of justice for themselves and others, and the skills to recover quickly from adversities along the way so they can grow into being well-educated adults.

“Amanda Gorman was born in Los Angeles. She was raised by her mother, a teacher, with her two siblings. She has a twin sister, who is an activist. Amanda Gorman has said she grew up in an environment with limited television access. She has described her young self as a “weird child” who enjoyed reading and writing and was encouraged by her mother. Growing up she had an auditory processing disorder and a speech impediment. However, she never saw her speech impediment as a crutch – rather as a gift and strength.” Wikipedia

School and family played a critical role in Amanda Gorman’s learning. We are all teachers of children and we play a critical role in shaping their lives- unapologetically and without any excuses.

Thank you for helping to shape students’ lives for today, tomorrow and the future.

Principal Talbert
Ways to Make 2021 A Productive Positive Year – Setting ourselves up for a productive positive year starts with our Mindset. Part 3

Hello Amazing Dunlap Families!

This is our final installment. I have provided seven ideas. Three more to go. Four questions to think about from last week were: “What are you grateful for?” “What small risks am I willing to take?” “What situations are you willing to try your best to overcome in 2021?”

Okay, let’s explore our final three ways to make 2021 “A Productive Positive Year.”

 Practice Positive Self-Talk. During tough times, be as kind to yourself as you would your love ones. Think about your accomplishments. People value you, so it’s important to accept positive feedback instead of pretending that it isn’t that important. Also take the time to give yourself a hug and remind yourself of all your personal resources. “What are your strengths?”

 Practice Solitude. Spending time with yourself and for yourself is good for your soul. Solitude takes you out of your daily routine and replaces it with serenity. Solitude can help you experience changes about how you view yourself as well as reflect and discover more about yourself without outside distractions. “What are things you will do or think about during solitude?”

 See A Fresh Start Contained in Loss. Every loss contains a gain, but you have to look for it. “What endings in 2020 contain new beginnings in 2021?”

Suggestions to use with the ten ways to have a Productive Year. Writing in a journal, self-talk, choose one or more of the ways and then talk to others that you feel comfortable around, and perhaps once a day, week, or month you can select one of the ways to focus on.

A Final Word. Choosing a positive attitude is one of the most powerful things you can take into 2021!

Take Care. C. Hutchinson

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Monday Morning Assembly – 8:30 a.m.

Every Monday morning at 8:30am we welcome our community to a wonderful week of learning. All are welcomed to join us on TEAMS LIVE with your student’s class. Our Monday Morning Assembly also serves to implement Dunlap’s positive behavior program.
Dunlap School Pledge

I show excellence in every way.
What I think, I can write;
What I read, I can say.
I say yes to right. I say no to wrong.
I do my best to get along.
Respect I’ll give, so respect I’ll earn.
I know I come to Dunlap to learn.
Here are things no one can take from me:
My respect, my responsibility, and my safety
I do my best to excel every day.
I show excellence in every way.
At Dunlap School, We Imagine Greatness!

Virtual Family Tea Thursday, February at 5 - 6 p.m.

We have greatly appreciated your attendance at our VIRTUAL FAMILY TEAS. Thank you so much!

Everyone who attends will receive a raffle ticket and have a chance to win a prize basket!!!

Interested in participating in the PTSA? Please email DunlapPTSA@gmail.com

Dunlap Library Curbside Checkout and P.E. Equipment (Ball) Pickup

Library Curbside Checkout

• Contact: Ms. Ellingsen, Librarian kjellingsen@seattleschools.org
• When: Mondays and Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

P.E. Equipment (Ball) Pickup

• Contact: Ms. Blair, P.E. Teacher meblair@seattleschools.org
• When: Mondays and Tuesdays, 12 - 1 p.m.

Black Lives Matter T-Shirt Design Contest

During the entire month October, Dunlap had a BLM T-Shirt Design Contest. ALL Dunlap Students were eligible to enter the contest.

We are happy to announce the winner: Ishriyan Prasad, 5th Grade