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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Can you believe that this is the 15th year that Edu-Prize School has offered an outstanding education to children? Well, that is correct. Dr. Robershotte, JoAnna Curtis and the fabulous Edu-Prize staff have been in operation for 15 years and we are going to celebrate! **You are all invited to join your Edu-Prize community and our entire student body as we celebrate our 15 Year Anniversary at 1:00 p.m. on January 28.** Mayor Lewis will be in attendance and addressing our group. We have also invited former students and staff members to join in the fun. This festive program will culminate with the opening of the time capsule that was put together by students and staff 10 years ago. We encourage you to join us for this celebration. You can keep up-to-date on the details by visiting our web site at edu-prize.com

See you there!

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Intent-to-Return Forms will be coming home next Friday. Let us answer your questions before you send yours back in....

DO YOU LIVE WITH A SIXTH-GRADER?

Come have your questions answered before the Intent to return forms are due back. Our **Junior High Parent Info Meeting** will be held in the Media Center on **Thursday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m.** This presentation will include a program overview and discussion of the Junior High curriculum. **Dr. McCamman** will also share important elements to help your student transition smoothly into becoming a successful seventh grader.



IMPORTANT DATES

- January 18
~ **Martin Luther King Day**
School Holiday
- January 21
~ **Jr. High Info. Meeting**
- January 22
~ **Intent to Return Forms**
Coming Home
- January 22
~ **Character Counts -**
"Wear Red" Day!
- January 28
~ **15th Anniversary**
Celebration
- February 5
~ **Intent to Return Forms**
Due By Today

ALWAYS ANALYZING...

In 1956, Benjamin Bloom headed a group of educational psychologists who developed a classification of levels of intellectual behavior important in learning. Bloom found that over 95 % of the test questions students encounter require them to think only at the lowest possible level... the recall of information.

Bloom identified six levels within the cognitive domain, from the simple recall or recognition of facts, as the lowest level, through increasingly more complex and abstract mental levels, to the highest order which is classified as synthesis.

As part of a school-wide goal to teach our students to engage in higher order thinking, teachers are using Bloom's cognitive levels in their classrooms. During 2nd quarter, all teachers focused on ANALYSIS, the fourth of Bloom's six levels. Students learned how to break down a big idea into smaller parts and use words such as compare, contrast, deduce, distinguish, infer, and explain. Because this goal is school-wide, students are learning to analyze in their classrooms, during science, in tech lab, at music, and even in P.E.

Don't be surprised if your critical thinker comes home as asks you to explain why he can't watch the same movie all of his friends are watching! Perhaps your child might point out that when her sister was her age, she was allowed to watch the same kind of movies. Be prepared to have an intelligent answer for your higher level thinker!

