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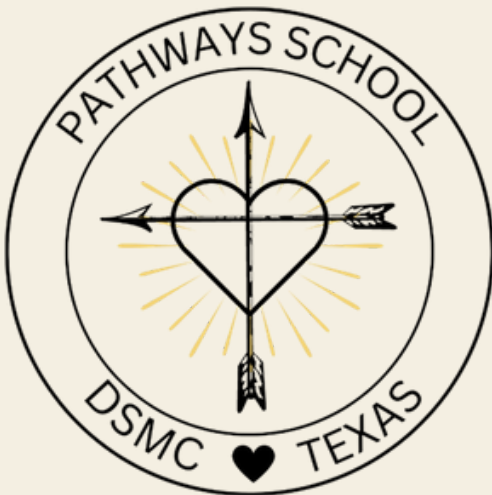
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Happy New Year!! I hope you were able to enjoy the Christmas break with family and friends. We are so happy to be back together with our school family at Pathways! In Chapel this month, we will begin exploring the life of Jesus in the New Testament, beginning with his dedication at the temple and later baptism by his cousin, John. Your children will also work on learning Romans 12:10, "*Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give your brothers and sisters more honor than you want for yourself.*"

Though we are in the cold season of winter, the children will have the opportunity to share their warm hearts and give honor to our brothers & sisters of Dripping Springs during our "Kids Can Mission" that kicks-off January 22nd. More details will follow, but this effort will benefit our local Helping Hands food pantry with non-perishable food items. We hope every family will generously participate to stock the shelves!

You never know what the weather will be like in Texas! Please send your child to school in (or with) weather-appropriate clothes. We continue to go outside for play, walks, and learning...even on the cold days! I tell the teachers, "There's no bad weather, only bad clothing." (lol) **Also, please take this opportunity to send in extra, winter clothing** for your child to keep at school (size and season appropriate). Thanks so much!

Believe it or not, we are in the planning stages for the 2024-2025 school year and more details will go out at the beginning of February. You can go ahead and mark your calendars that re-enrollment for current Pathways families will begin on Tuesday, February 20th, and open enrollment for the public will begin on March 5th.

Thanks and welcome back!

Mrs. Fernandez



January Important Dates

**JAN 15 – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY –
NO SCHOOL**

JAN 22 & 23: PARENT COFFEE TALKS

**JAN 22–FEB 2: KIDS CAN MISSION
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January Birthdays

- 8 Giovanni**
- 8 Eli**
- 10 Emmie B**
- 17 Jett**
- 20 Mrs. Smith**
- 27 Charlotte**
- 28 Mathis**
- 28 Saxon**
- 28 Charlie**
- 28 Connelly**
- 29 Daniel**
- 30 Mrs. Cooper**
- 30 Mrs. Dunk**
- 31 Sadie**

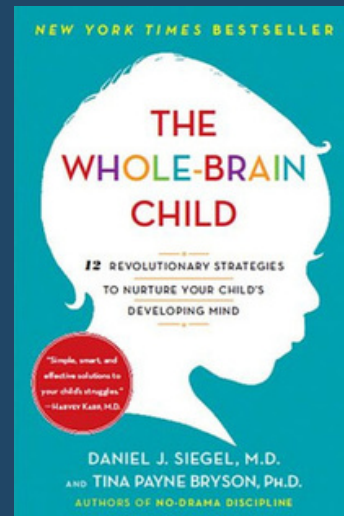
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

The Coffee Talks

at Pathways School



Come discuss Ch.4
of The Whole-Brain
Child with us!



We will explore the “remote of the mind” and exercise our memory muscles, in order to help our kids do the same! Come join the conversation, with or without the book!

Monday 1/22 & Tuesday 1/23
in The Foundry Cafe
8:30-9:30

Come & go- meet other Pathways parents- chat with Mrs. Fernandez- coffee available or bring your own



KIDS CAN MISSION

Supporting Helping Hands Food Pantry

**BRING AT DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP
JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 2**

Who can bring the most?

2s - fruits & vegs

3s - protein

4s - dairy (shelf stable)

K - grains

WINNING TEAM EARNS A COOKING CLASS
WITH MRS. FERNANDEZ & MRS. DRISKA!

CHAPEL & SCIENCE NEWS



CHAPEL NEWS

Topic/Virtue: Jesus shows us how to love

Verse: “Love each other like brothers and sisters. Give your brothers and sisters more honor than you want for yourselves.”

Romans 12:10

SCIENCE NEWS

In January, we will be learning about Arctic animals. We will mix baking soda & conditioner to make a snowy Arctic habitat for our Arctic animals.

At the end of January, we will be experimenting to find out what will clean coins.. Then we will sort the coins & donate them to a local charity.



WELCOME BACK & DON'T FORGET!

- **LABEL EVERYTHING!**
- **School starts @8:30 & ends @2:30**
- **Check IN & OUT on Brightwheel!**
- **SEND IN EXTRA WINTER CLOTHING for your child to keep at school (size & season appropriate)**

Let's have some more
school fun in 2024!



Extended Day Snack

The following snack items
will be on rotation for the month
of January

Apple Sauce
Animal Crackers
Fruit Bars
Pirate Booty
Pretzels
Yogurt
Fruit Bars
Fruit Snacks
Graham Crackers
Teddy Grahams



DSMC JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TeamKID WEDNESDAYS--6:30-8:00 in the TeamKID Room

- No TeamKID Wednesday on January 10.
- January 17: Jesus “Wheelie” Loves Me Kick off the new year with Hot Wheels and hot chocolate and learn how much Jesus loves us with all kinds of car activities and games. “I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20
- January 24: Riddles and Giggles Night Everyone brings a joke to share. “A joyful heart is good medicine. ...” Proverbs 17:22
- January 31: Duct Tape Night – Give the kids an opportunity to show their creativity by creating items with duct tape. “There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

GRACE GIRLS

- Next meeting: January 18th

Grace Girls is a group of mission-minded girls who want to strengthen their faith and friendships through service and fellowship!

Time: Third Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 pm

Ages: 3rd-5th Grade Girls

Location: TeamKID Room

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Our Sunday morning program happens from 10-11 am between the traditional and contemporary services.

Time: Sundays, 10 – 11 am

Ages: Birth-5th grade

Nursery Sunday School: 0-3 in the nursery classroom

PreK and First-Year Kinder: Downstairs in the PreK/Kinder Room

2nd-Year Kinder-5th: TeamKID Room by the gym

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Worship Opportunities:

Sunday 8:30 AM - Traditional (Sanctuary)
Sunday 11:15 AM - Contemporary (Foundry)
Sunday 1:00 PM - Spanish (Sanctuary)
1st Saturday Worship - 7:00pm (Foundry)

Sunday School for All Ages

10:00 AM

Wednesday Night Youth Ministry (Foundry)

Middle School & High School

5:00-8:00 PM