

# January 22, 2018

Good Evening Legacy Families,

Every once in awhile we have the opportunity to see Legacy through new eyes. Because we have personally experienced what Legacy provides for our families we have come to expect a certain level of care and excellence on a daily basis. Striving to meet that standard is what sets our staff apart and helps create a place where learning is paramount but also fun. As the months go on, the pursuit of academic excellence can become routine, even familiar. But there are times when someone from the outside catches a glimpse and helps inform our mission. Last Friday we had our Step It Up event to reward the entire school for their fundraising efforts. The students had an absolute blast as they ran around the inflatable obstacle courses, gathered their prizes, and snacked on Kona Ice. As I walked around the turf, I was aware of the smiling faces but nothing particularly stood out to me. It wasn't until I was talking to the event organizer that I realized that Legacy even has fun in an excellent way. The organizer obviously complimented us on our participation but was really impressed with how respectful and polite our students were. He told me how much his team looks forward to working with our school every year because the kids and staff know how to have fun in a controlled manner. As much as the event was refreshing for him, it was much more rewarding for me to hear that reminder. Yesterday several families walked into Legacy with extreme excitement and anticipation. The parents had all taken a tour and most of them had attended our Kindergarten Information Night in the fall. Holding their hands were young children who were a little unsure of why they were at this new place. Sixty preschoolers were on campus for our Kindergarten "Play Day" for a chance to be assessed for the coming school year. Longtime Legacy parents will remember what was previously known as "Kindergarten Assessment Day" like it really was yesterday. Our teachers and assistants managed eight stations that allowed these children to demonstrate their abilities in academic, developmental, social, and emotional areas. Many parents shared with me how they had been waiting a long time for this day and were eager to hear about the results. As I popped into the different rooms, I could see a joy in the eyes of our teachers as they interacted with these young personalities. We are prayerful about the admissions process and are thankful for the overwhelming interest in our school. Not all the effects of having a child in an academic institution are positive. Over the past few weeks the flu bug has made its way through several grade levels impacting students, teachers, and families. It is extremely important that we all take precautionary measures to help ensure the health and safety of everyone at Legacy. While there are several Purell Hand Sanitizers around campus, we will be installing one in every classroom this week. Our staff will be requiring students to frequently wash their hands. Additionally, our staff will continue to wipe down areas of common use (desks, chairs, doorknobs, etc.) in an effort stop the spread of the flu. I ask that if your student is not feeling well, you keep him/her home. The flu is a serious disease and every preventative action will help. Thank you for helping keep Legacy healthy.

As we begin another week, I look forward to welcoming your V.I.P.'s to Legacy this Friday. There is no doubt that they will bring a fresh perspective to our school and help us appreciate this place we all call home.

Sincerely, Matt Millett

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