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Good Evening Legacy Families,

Last night over three hundred dads and daughters packed the MPR for our annual Father-Daughter Dance. From kindergarten through eighth grade, Legacy girls enjoyed an evening of dresses, dancing, and dessert with their friends and their dads. One of the things I love most about this event is the special memories that it fosters in the relationship between a father and his daughter. Dads throughout the room were beaming with pride as they walked in with their special girl on their arm. Ask any dad who went and he will tell you that it didn't matter that his daughter was dancing with her friends most of the night because the evening provided an opportunity for him to communicate how much he cherished her. I know many dads who included a dinner or dessert date with their daughter just to make the evening more special.

One thing I noticed was I didn't see a single girl on their smartphone last night. In today's digital world, the idea that a child would be occupied with something other than a device for 90 minutes is rare. But there they were, enjoying the company of their peers, without the constantly looking down at the latest notification. Technology is a powerful tool and as a school we seek to give our students the skills they need to be successful in an ever-changing landscape. As parents, many of us try to find a balance between granting access to a device while, at the same time, limiting the time and effect of it. Most of us would readily admit that we haven't found the perfect answer.

As an administration we are looking for ways to provide resources for our parents that will help you navigate through the questions about youth and smartphones. One upcoming opportunity I wanted to share with you is Kirk Cameron's movie "Connect". The preview can be viewed at www.connectmovie.com. With many real dangers associated with social media, this movie may provide you with important talking points and helpful precautions to consider. Parents might prefer seeing this informative movie without their children due to some of serious and sensitive content involved. Tickets are available for February 27 and March 1 at Valencia Edwards.

I am pleased to share our new Employees of the Month, Miss Esther McGuire and Señora Leslie Coca. Miss McGuire is constantly seeking new ways to engage, challenge, and support her 5th grade students. She fosters strong relationships with her students and even has personalized handshakes with each one. Her students are engaged in learning because she teaches using a multitude of collaboration activities and real life applications. Congratulations to Miss McGuire for her outstanding award.

Señora Coca is always enthusiastic and animated when she teaches. She consistently has the attention of her 2nd and 3rd grade students as she exhibits great classroom control and has well-planned lessons. She uses creative hole punch cards to motivate the students to participate, utilizes interesting videos, colorful pictures, catchy songs, and role play in order to help her students learn and retain key concepts and rules of Spanish. We are thankful for Señora Coca and her excellent work with our students.

Even though this week is a short week, with no school on Friday, it is a full week. Moms are invited to our Moms of Purpose this Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Our speaker, Donna Borrueal, will be sharing about "A Woman's High Calling: 10 Ways to Live Out God's Plan for Your Life" from Titus 2:3-5. Students can wear pink and red free dress on Wednesday and bring valentines for their class in celebration of Valentine's Day. Thursday everyone will celebrate the 100th day of school by dressing up as 100 years old.

I look forward to seeing the creativity of our students this week.

Sincerely,
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