

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We are incredibly excited to continue our eventful year here at the John C. Dunham STEM Partnership School! From beginning to implement coding across our curriculum to our students participating in and winning various STEM and writing contests, 2016 opened many doors for our students. 2017 promises to be a year that is again filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than before. We will continue to build upon and refine our foundation of hard work, collaboration, and continued innovation in education. Our goal remains to prepare the community's talented young learners in ways that will ignite and sustain their interest in mathematics and science.

Our corporate and nonprofit partners continue to provide our students with real world connections through participation in classroom activities, presentations, and engaging field experiences. These opportunities give our students a unique perspective into the wide range of STEM careers available today and a platform which they can apply their classroom learning to solving real problems.

We have some exciting events already planned for the upcoming months: field experiences to Argonne National Labs, Naper Settlement, and Ag Day; our Incoming Parent Meeting for parents of potential third grader students; our Energy Fair Open House in March; and our third ceremony for eighth grade completion.

I can hardly believe that our school year is half way through and that were preparing to celebrate the culmination of our third year. Our students continue to amaze and inspire me, and I look forward to what we will all accomplish by learning and working together.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at acarter@aurora.edu or 630/947-1240.

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