



Principals Weekly Update

12/4

Greetings Blazer Families,

We are excited for the 1st semester SEM showcase and cannot wait to welcome families on campus tomorrow morning between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. SEM clusters are all about the student experience! I am beyond proud of the remarkable work of our Blazers as they took charge and led their own path to learning. I would like you invite you to watch a brief informational video outlining the purpose and procedures of our Schoolwide Enrichment Model (SEM) Clusters. Please click on links below for the video and flyer.

[Mrs. Adhia's SEM message for families](#) [SEM Showcase flyer](#)

A huge thank you to all our teachers and volunteers who facilitated SEM clusters and supported our Blazers by promoting their interests, nurturing natural curiosities, and developing them as leaders.

The PTA will be offering gently used uniform items for resale in front of the school just before and during the SEM showcase. Items are priced \$5 and below. Cash is preferred, though cards can be accepted.

Progress Monitoring Assessments (PM2) will begin Next Week. Specific testing days will vary, and information has been shared by your child's teacher. These assessments will offer valuable information about students' learning progress, and it will help teachers as they differentiate future instruction based on individual student needs. These assessments are an opportunity to celebrate learning and for every child to be proud to show what they have learned. Parents and caregivers can also support students with words of encouragement and letting them know how proud parents and teachers are of their hard work and commitment. During these testing days, it is helpful to limit late evening activities and a good night's rest along with a healthy breakfast. I am proud of all the hard work and efforts of our Blazers every day and now it is time to celebrate learning!!

Student Council's food drive was a huge success! We collected 1,415 pounds of food for FEAST food pantry! Thank you all so much for your support and generosity during the holidays.

In keeping with our humanitarian efforts, our annual Angel Tree to support a local school is under way. Items from our wishlist [here](#) can be purchased and dropped off at the Blazer Blizzard on 12/14.

Blazer Blizzard featuring food trucks, REAL snow, holiday lights and more is just around the corner. Please mark your calendar for December 14! This year's theme is Blazer Bright!

Get ready to shop at the ENE PTA's *Holiday Shoppe*! Students may bring in money to purchase small items as gifts for family and friends.

Holiday Shoppe Hours – Evening of December 14 for students and parents and scheduled time slots for classes during the school day on December 15 for students only. PTA needs LOTS of volunteers. The shop will be open on **two occasions** this year, so it is imperative that we have many volunteers during those times. You can sign up [here](#). Volunteers must be Level 2 on Friday (12/15), but do not have to be Level 2 during the event Thursday (12/14) evening.

School Polo shirts: Blazers are enjoying their newest school polo shirt from PTA! Thank you, PTA, for providing all students with a school polo!

Important Dates

December 5 – SEM Showcase
December 14 – Blazer Blizzard
December 15 – Holiday Shoppe
December 19 – Winter Musical – 4th & 5th grade Chorus
December 20 – Spelling Bee
December 21- Last Day of 2nd Quarter
December 22-Jan 6 Winter Break – Happy Holidays!

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at our SEM Showcase!

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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