

## **Honeywell Update- January 11, 2017**

Happy New Year Highland Park, this is Dr. Taylor. You will be receiving school district updates once every three weeks this year. As always, you'll be able to read the transcript of my Honeywell by going to the Superintendent's Page on the district website.

I would like our community to know that our schools have rallied around the strategic planning goal that calls for a focus on children's personal health. Our efforts have led us to place renewed emphasis on compelling kids to eat breakfast before they start their day.

How are we doing this? Irving School has increased its communication campaign to encourage children who qualify for free or reduced-cost breakfast to make use of the opportunity.

Bartle School is piloting an exciting program called Breakfast After the Bell. Any child who wishes to have breakfast right after the school day begins can now pay a nominal fee to have breakfast delivered to his/her classroom. Any student can be part of this program and all kids at Bartle, whether they qualify for federally subsidized meals or not, will be able to eat their morning meal in the comfort of the class after settling in for the school day.

The middle school has now opened its own breakfast area in the cafeteria. Middle school students will no longer need to trek to the high school cafeteria. Of course, the high school cafeteria will still be open for upper grade students who wish to grab a bite before the day gets rolling.

We'll keep an eye on Bartle's breakfast program and consider expanding it to the other schools if we feel kids can benefit. Our fresh attention on the importance of breakfast is just one more way the district's strategic plan is guiding Highland Park's schools in a world class direction.

Talk to you again on February 1. Have a good night.