Dear Families,

February 10 – 14, 2020

We consider ourselves so fortunate to enjoy a weeklong visit from an artist this week! SAPSA (St. Anthony Park School Association) spearheads a number of fundraising opportunities throughout the year in order to provide each student with enrichment and special opportunities here at SAP. Grade level staff choose what kind of art the students will experience, and this year we thought a little noise and movement in the form of West African dance would lighten up the chilly days of late winter. Mr. Christian Adeti will be in our room from 12:20 – 1:40 Tuesday, 9:35–10:30 Wednesday and Thursday. Any family members are welcome to join us any or all of those days. On Friday we’ll have a chance to share what we’ve learned with families at 1:00 PM. Comfortable clothing and good shoes are recommended this week!

Mr. Adeti was born and raised in Accra, Ghana, West Africa. Performing internationally for over 14 years, he is the Director and Choreographer of Tiambe, a company which originated in Denmark–Copenhagen, and was later revived in the US. He has taught at many colleges and universities around Minnesota, as well as at various organizations and local institutions. Mr. Adeti is currently a dance instructor at the Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts.

Because each classroom will be dancing at different times, our regular math time and curriculum will be postponed until next week. This week we’ll be doing more multiplication and subtraction in our room. There might still be math homework, so please check planners.

On Friday we would like to have a day to let our classmates know how much we appreciate and care about them by bringing in small tokens of friendship and dancing together. If your child would like to bring something special for the class on February 14, please make sure there are 24 in order to be equitable. We will make time to create special bags and have a time to pass out and enjoy the items. We have a new student joining our classroom. Please welcome Robin to our class.

General Information:

- Specialist classes: S, M, AI, PE, S
- **2/10-14 Visiting Artist: West African Drum & Dance with Christian Adeti. Our residency time is 12:20 – 1:40 T, 9:35-10:30 W & Th. Please join us for any session.**
- **2/10 NAAPID Visitors welcome any time and/or for lunch 11:40 – 12:10**
- **2/12 Public Library 12:20 Volunteers needed**
- **2/14 Drum and Dance Share 1:00 Multipurpose Room Please come**
- **2/6 – 17 Read-A-Thon!!! KEEP READING EVERY DAY! Thank you, sponsors – your support ensures programs like Mr. Adeti!**
- **2/17 No School – President’s Day**
- **2/27 Ordway Theater "HerBeat Taiko Women Allstars"**
- **2/28 Reading Celebration 12:45**
- **3/2 Science Fair Volunteers Needed 12:20 – 1:50 and 6:30 – 7:45**
- **2nd grade website: [https://www.spps.org/domain/237](https://www.spps.org/domain/237)**

Best, Ms. Lee  
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Class list: Mohamed, Charlie, Miles, Javi, Chaske, Calvin, Ciaran, Freya, Maggie, Harper, Eden, Hassen, Frances, Eloise, MaKenzie, Atharv, Seowoo, Quinn, Abdifatah, KaYoon, Ben, Charlotte, Bella, and Robin.