



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

February 5, 2021

Smile! It is a gift that you can give someone that costs nothing and usually comes right back to you!

It was certainly a storm for the memory books and our students and faculty shifted seamlessly between both the live and virtual environments. Our custodial staff did an amazing job clearing walks and driveways and students continue to be respectful of the snow when outside for snack and mask breaks.

Please see the attached flyer inviting all of our families to a virtual educational seminar on Executive Function. This event is being sponsored by our Department of Special Services but is open to all. Please consider joining us for an interesting and informative session.

The generosity of our families continues to support our community. A huge "Thank You" goes out to our Kindness Crew and Mrs. Tung who recently collected 130 rolls of toilet paper, 88 bars of soap and 25 pounds of pasta.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENTEEISM – VIRTUAL & LIVE INSTRUCTION:

- Students, by law, are REQUIRED to attend school whether in person or virtual.
- An absence is to be reported to BOTH the MAIN OFFICE & TEACHER with reason provided including half day i.e. PM remote learning.
- If a student is ill, please follow the procedures clearly outlined on the district website health office page or contact Mrs. Zanelli for any questions.
- Virtual learning continues to follow district guidelines for re-entry.
- Engagement in the virtual learning environment is an option if your child is absent; however, your child is still reported as ABSENT.
- Reasons for absence should be limited to illness, appointments that could not be accommodated outside of school hours, emergencies, etc.
- Virtual learning should not be considered an option for convenience i.e. need to "get on the road" for a weekend away or "time to enjoy outdoor play."

Please remember, we cannot teach a student who is not present for the learning. Excessive absenteeism and tardiness has a direct impact upon your child's academic growth and performance. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

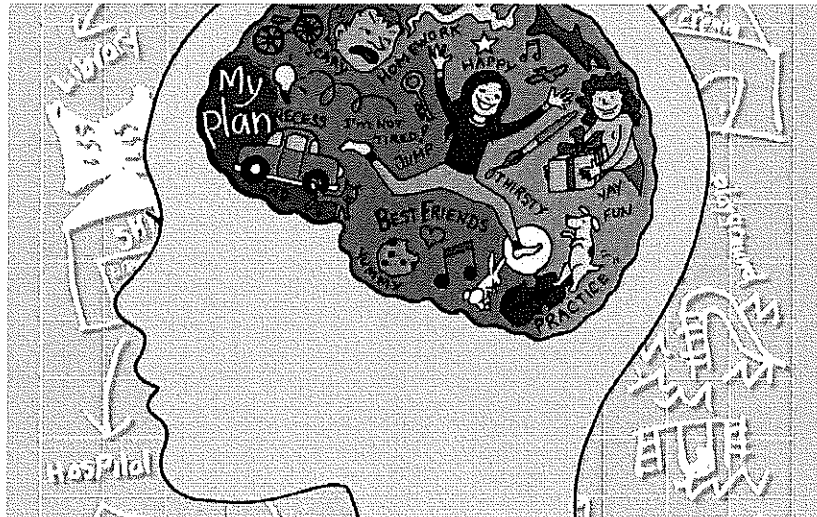
Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Tierney

Summit Public Schools Presents:

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION:

An interactive workshop for parents



Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:00AM

Zoom Link:

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/93184110935?pwd=NUFrcU9KakpEaU1DaGNzQ2RDUM5dz09>

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ufjqynJ3oigiVin7>

As our families continue to adapt to life in the era of COVID-19, it is well established that there has been a rise in anxiety and stress. However, one effect of this newly heightened stress and anxiety that is less frequently mentioned is the decrease in executive function skills. The term *executive function* refers to the brain processes that allow someone to stay organized, initiate tasks, maintain focus and attention, and manipulate information in their mind.

This presentation is for all caregivers and will discuss executive function and wellness strategies for our students. The topic will first be outlined by Dr. Erica Lee, district mental health clinician, followed by age-level break-out sessions conducted by Child Study Team members and school counselors for elementary, middle, and high school parents. **Please fill out the Registration Link and indicate which age-level workshop you would like to attend.** This presentation will be recorded so that it can be viewed at a later time as well.

Note: Live Question and Answer will occur within the age-level specific workshops within the training. We look forward to seeing you there!