



Please find below the September board update for the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Academic Results from 2014-2015**

TCAP results will soon be published in detail for all schools. Lester Prep achieved some of the highest level Reading Growth in the ASD and had growth in all subjects compared to the middle school last year. Cornerstone Prep had the highest Science scores in the ASD and growth in 5 of 6 subject areas in grades 3 and 4.

MAP scores were outstanding, with overall growth rates in the upper quartile nationally in both schools.

### **Character Development**

CPL and CPD began an increased focus on character development by unveiling PREP ROCKS Awards. Each letter of PREP ROCKS represents an essential character trait that Prepsters need to be successful in college and become leaders in their community. The trait is taught and modeled during the week and each Friday one student in each class earns a PREP ROCKS t-shirt for displaying that particular trait. Then, at month end, the school invites parents to gather to celebrate these students and cheer for each other.

### **Baseline Assessment for 2015-2016**

All schools completed reading level and MAP baseline assessments on 9/4. This information will guide instruction beginning next week and allow the organization to measure growth since inception and identify areas of “summer slide” in students since school ended in May.

### **Community and Extra Curricular Events**

Lester Prep won its very first football game, winning a defensive battle on a rain soaked field. Fans and families were thrilled to get a victory in this inaugural middle school event. The younger Cornerstone Prep boys played for 3 teams organized by MGM, who reported three opening day wins and stated “With bleachers filled to capacity and a steady stream of fans throughout the morning, we estimate roughly 300 people attended the openers.”

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders at CPL enjoyed a day of teambuilding at Bridges, where the students worked together to overcome obstacles and solve problems. The Prepsters enjoyed the outing and the teachers and leaders applied the lessons learned to classroom and life experiences once the day concluded..

### **Enrollment**

As of 9/4, enrollment levels were 550 for CPD, 454 for CPL and 209 for LP. We will review these numbers during our September board meeting, as parents will continue to enroll children for the next few weeks.

### **Staffing**

Because of the mix of students and grade levels, we have added several unplanned staff members. CPD opened two additional sections of general education classes and added 2 Special Education teachers. CPL added an additional second grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade section.

### **Year End and Audit**

The 2014-2015 year has officially ended and the auditors completed their field work and will be bringing a report to the board in the weeks ahead.

