

# The TOTEM POLE

January 2018

Dear Totem Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! We missed our scholars during winter break. We hope you had a relaxing break connecting with your scholar.

Did you know? Totem is an AVID National Demonstration School. We know our job is bigger than middle school and are focused on equipping students with skills they can use for life. As such, our staff thoughtfully include strategies in their lessons that students can use in college and beyond to assist them in organization and communication. We hope to see you later this month at our first-ever College and Career night. Please join us and learn about interesting careers and colleges. Hope to see you there!

In Partnership,

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Interim Principal  
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## UPCOMING TOTEM DATES

**JANUARY 18th: January Spirit Day**

**JANUARY 18th: Coffee with the Principal\***

**JANUARY 21st: No School—MLK Day**

**JAN. 29th: College and Career Family Night\*\***

*\*located at Appian Way Apartments*

*\*\*bussing provided*

## TOTEM SCHOLARS ARE SAFE, KIND, & RESPONSIBLE

**96.6%** of Totem Scholars have **not received** an exclusionary consequence since the beginning of the school year—we are proud of this data and will continue to **teach and re-teach** our expectations!

## College and Career Night

Come join us for a pizza dinner and learn about a wide variety of career and colleges!

**Totem Middle School**  
**January 29th, 2018**  
**6-8 P.M.**

Did you know? Busses will be provided from:

- Appian Way/Buena Casa
- Club Palisades
- Silver Shadow
- Village @ Redondo

### PICK UP TIMES (arrive to apartments):

5:45 PM, 6:15 PM, 6:45 PM

### DROP OFF TIMES (leave Totem):

7:15 PM, 8:00 PM

We look forward to seeing you there!

### News from AVID and IB

- Check your scholar's planner each day.
- Log into Parent Vue to check grades. Parent Vue can be accessed on the fwps.org website.
- Talk with your scholar about the IB Learner Profile of the month.

January's Learner Profile is

**BALANCED**

**DISCIPLINE**

% Without ISS/STS/LTS/EX

**96.6%**

**Totem Winter Concert - December 18th**  
Special THANK YOU to Mr. Worcester and Mr. Brenner!



**Black History Month @ Totem**

**January Spirit Day!**

**1/18/2018**

**“Whiteout/Blackout Wave”**

**(Dress in ALL black or ALL white)**



Would you like to help us celebrate Black History Month? Please contact the Totem Main Office with your ideas/availability to help us create a meaningful month of celebration.

**Totem Computer Lab Open to Families!**

Every **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** in the Totem Library from 12:30—2:30 PM.

Come sign in at the front, get a visitor pass, and check-in with our librarian.



**TOTEM SPORTS UPDATES**

Season 3 begins January 29th!

**Gymnastics**  
**Boys Basketball**  
**Cheer**

Come cheer on our T-Bird Athletes!