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Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you join your child in a collaborative classroom experience as our parent engagement has expanded. Once a month our cluster teachers will be opening their classrooms from 2:40 to 3:30 P.M. to share their expertise and love for learning in a particular subject area. During this time you and your child(ren) will work together on a grade level task similar to those taking place in the classrooms on a daily basis.

The cluster teacher will be in the following classrooms during parent engagement.

- Ms. David will be in room 323
- Mrs. Carapreso will be in room 125
- Mr. Galvin will be in room 204
- Ms. Accordino will be in room 244

Below are topics that will be explored during parent engagement.

- Science** – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Measurement activity using thermometers, balance scales, rulers, and measuring cups
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Building electrical circuits and testing for insulators
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Modeling the Earth’s landforms and testing for erosion and weathering

- STEM** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Writing a code to operate the Lego EV3 robot in order to perform various tasks
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Build and program a machine using the Lego WeDo kit that uses gears and observe how different gears work with each other
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Build and program a robot using the Lego WeDo2 kit that uses basic functions to operate and solve tasks

- Social Studies** – Kindergarten – Design a map of your community
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Design a travel brochure for a visit to the Dominican Republic
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Identifying your family tree

Below is a schedule of the dates and classes that will take part in this hands-on experience.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ms. David</b>	<b>Mrs. Caropreso</b>	<b>Mr. Galvin</b>	<b>Ms. Accordino</b>
10/25	4-312	2-204	5-342	K-141
11/29	4-317	2-207	5-343	K-140/K-143
12/20	4-319	2-211	5-346/5-341	K-142
1/31	4-345	Fifth Grade Band	4-312	K-242
2/28	3-305	K-140	4-317	5-343
3/21	3-307	K-141	4-319	5-342/5-346
4/25	3-309	K-142	4-345/4-340	1-245
5/16	5-346	K-143	3-305/2/3-210	1-246
6/20	5-342/5-343	K-242/K/1/2-240	3-307/3-309	1-243

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