Week of January 11th – 15th

Step and F&P Testing: This week, scholars are taking their individual reading assessments. Please make certain scholars are well rested and on time each day. This is a very exciting time at Akili and scholars are ready to do their best! Please pump them up with **ENTHUSIASM** at home as well!

Krewe of Akili: Akili scholars will march through the neighborhood on Friday, February 5th. Each grade level will be represented by a King, Queen and 2 Dukes and 2 Duchesses. Scholars may decorate floats at home to bring for parade day. Please bring in bead and throw donations to the front office.

MLK Day Parade: The Akili Drumline, Majorettes and Cheerleaders will be marching in the MLK parade on Monday, January 18th. The parade will roll from City Hall at 10:00am and end at South Claiborne and Felicity Street. Stay tuned for this year's Akili parade schedules!

Gator Athletics: Akili will be hosting its first ever home basketball game on January 20th against Harriet Tubman! Girls' basketball will play at 5:00pm and Boys' basketball will play at 6:00. Go Gators!

Parent Participation: PLEASE NOTE: The next Parent Teacher Organization Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th.

Winter Uniform Policy: Scholars are NOT allowed to wear boots of any kind. Scholars should wear their all black school shoes daily. As a reminder, our cold weather uniform policy is as follows: A solid navy blue sweater without words, and/or solid long sleeve undershirt in black, white, gray or navy blue may be worn in the building at all times.

Upcoming Dates for your Calendar:
January 11th – 15th | STEP and F&P Testing
January 18th | No School, MLK Day
January 28th – February 2nd | Interim Assessments and MAP Testing
February 4th | Half Day [1:45 dismissal] due to Mardi Gras Traffic
February 5th | Half Day [1:45 dismissal] due to Mardi Gras Traffic, Akili Mardi Gras Parade

Lunch Menu:
Monday: Smoked Sausage Sandwich, Turkey and Cheese on Bun, Taco Salad, Cheese Burger, Collard Greens
Tuesday: Turkey Tacos, Turkey and Cheese on Bun, Toasted Corn and Refried Beans
Wednesday: Cheese Pizza, Taco Salad, Cheeseburger, Zucchini, Baked Sweet Potato
Thursday: BBQ Chicken w/ Mac & Cheese, Turkey and Cheese on Bun, Cheeseburger, Vegetable Medley
Friday: Baked Pasta, Turkey & Cheese on Bun, Taco Salad, Romaine Salad, Mixed Vegetables

Gator Birthdays This Week:
Tuesday, January 12th: Angelle Porche
Wednesday, January 13th: Demond Harris
Thursday, January 14th: Damon Singleton, Dedrianna Esaw, Jaden Williams
Friday, January 15th: Na'shey Howard, Kayla Johnson, Shamour Williams
Saturday, January 16th: Te'mon Crawford, Chance Perry-Payton, Ta'Mije Arana, Kamori Marshall
Sunday, January 17th: Kayden Wooten, Melvin Noah