

Dear Hynes Families,

On behalf of our faculty and staff, I send you warm holiday greetings and best wishes for a lovely new year.

As fall semester of school quickly draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge how thankful we all feel to be a part of your lives and your child(ren)'s development. Hynes is a very special place for us to work and for our students to grow. We all take such pride in sharing in the joy of working together as a community of adults to support the needs of all our children. I know that we will continue on a pathway to success during the second semester.

This past week, Hynes was publicly recognized with two big awards. The Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools recognized the work of Hynes Charter School and Whitney Bank with the Community Roots Award. The Orleans Parish School Board recognized our school performance for 2016-17 at their December board meeting.

I would like to remind everyone of some upcoming events as we return from our Winter Break:

- 1.) Second quarter report cards will be distributed, January 11th in the gym from 3:15PM – 5:30PM (teachers will be available in their classrooms if you would like to see them).
- 2.) Our second PTO meeting will take place January 11th from 6:00PM – 7:00PM.
- 3.) Re-registration packets will be sent home January 4th and will need to be returned by January 18th. Please carefully read and follow the directions and timelines associated with this paperwork.
- 4.) Kaleidoscope is an anthology of student work published annually. We will be collecting submissions for this year's edition during the third quarter. Please see the flyer attached for more details. [CLICK HERE](#)
- 5.) Hynes is proud to continue to offer a variety of extracurricular activities for the spring. Please see the attached schedule of these offerings. [CLICK HERE](#)

So as we break for the holiday season, please take time to enjoy family and friends. Encourage your child(ren) to read for fun. Remember that IXL, Achieve 3000, and Smarty Ants are available during the break to keep those reading and math skills on point.

Season's Greetings,

Michelle Douglas, Principal/CEO