

## Principal's Log 2.21

Dear TMS Families.

Being a former social studies teacher makes this week's middle school update near and dear to my heart. As a former East Side resident, I lived and taught in the shadow of, the United Nations Building and I was lucky enough to take my students there two decades ago. On February 28th, our 8th-grade students will be embarking on an educational journey that others travel thousands of miles to enjoy. The United Nations is a prime tourist destination and our students have been learning about its historical relevance and place in the world with Mr. O'Connell in their social studies classes. At the end of the month, they will be going on a field trip there to get the chance to tour the facility.

During the tour, students will visit galleries and important locations where history has unfolded. They will consider America's role on the world stage in the very place where historical speeches have occurred. In small groups with experienced tour guides, they will share facts and stories that are relevant to their classroom work and their lives. Students will have the chance to interact with United Nations experts in conversation and have their questions answered. They will enjoy a behind the scenes look at the building and learn about its global impact.

As Principal, I am very thankful to Mr. O'Connell and the 8th-grade team of chaperones for providing this opportunity for his students. I'm sure they will never forget it!

Have a great weekend!

My Best,

Gregory Stiefel

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