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Dear KJS Families,

We are thrilled to announce that blind explorer Lonnie Bedwell, who inspired our Year 4, 5, and 6 students during his presentation at KJS in May, is embarking on an incredible Antarctica adventure.

As many of you will remember, Lonnie's journey is part of his ambitious quest to climb the tallest mountains on all seven continents and ski to both the North and South Poles. Just this week, Lonnie landed at Union Glacier Station in Antarctica, and he is gearing up to climb Vinson Massif, standing tall at 4,892 meters. His climb could start as soon as today and is expected to take about a week! Following this, he will brave the elements for 2 to 3 weeks as he skis to the South Pole.

KJS students will hopefully have the chance to follow Lonnie's journey in real time! Here's how you can stay updated:

- Visit Lonnie's website at <https://www.sightlesssummits.com> and click on the top banner to "Follow the Antarctica Expedition" for real-time GPS updates.
- Keep an eye on the screen in the main office window, where we will be displaying his location and sharing interesting facts about Antarctica.
- And if everything goes according to plan, we may have an exciting opportunity for some of our KJS students to connect with Lonnie via a Zoom call at the South Pole! Plus, there might just be a special surprise involving Drake the Dragon!

We encourage everyone to support Lonnie in his remarkable endeavor and stay tuned for updates on his adventure!

Warm regards,

The KJS Team

