



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE EAGLES

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Students and staff returned from February vacation appearing rested and healthy. Hopefully March will bring warm weather, allowing our kids to get outside and play!

Our second trimester ends on the 18th of this month. I believe the transition to trimesters has been a smooth one and have heard only positive comments, specifically to the piece of getting the opportunity to have more time to get to know the students during that first trimester before administering grades. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held this month. Students will be dismissed on Thursday, March 31st at noon. Conferences will run from 1p.m. to 8p.m. that day, and 8a.m. to noon on Friday. Many of my teachers are exploring with student led conferences, in which, students, along with the teachers share their progress toward the goals they have set for themselves. I look forward to hearing how parents and teachers feel this process worked.

I would like to inform the board of a very generous donation the school received from the Ring family. On December 22nd, in memory of Terry Ring's birthday, our former librarian, the school received a check in the amount of \$1900 to put towards library books for our school library. We look forward to purchasing books for our children in her memory.

I will have the opportunity to spend Thursday and Friday with all teachers in grades K-4 along with my ELA and Math teachers to share the information we are learning through the Assessment Literacy course that 4 of us have been taking. As I mentioned in a previous board report, this is a "train the trainer" model through the yearlong workshop, learning about formative and summative assessments, rubrics, student self-assessment and creating assessments with clear targets. The leadership team met and planned a half day agenda for each of these groups. I am looking forward to productive work sessions and professional conversations around these topics. My goal for these sessions will be to create an end product of a grade level notebook that contains our current curriculums with both formative and summative assessments aligned to the standards and following the researched based best practices that we are being trained in. The notebooks will also contain a scope and sequence that will assist new teachers.