



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

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To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Keep your fingers crossed that May will bring warm, drying days. We had many plans to get the fields ready for the season and as I sit and type this on Tuesday, I am seeing all of our custodians indoors working! We all know why that is! Let's hope the rest of the week brings better days.

I will be starting the Kindergarten thru Grade 4 class lists this month. I will meet with teachers to gather information on their students, including their academic levels and behavioral needs. This information will then be used to create the lists, making sure that students are evenly distributed among teachers for a balanced classroom. Teachers will then have the opportunity to review these lists for accuracy during common planning time, suggesting any necessary revisions.

We are currently piloting the two chosen math programs. 11 teachers have worked very hard with screening programs and assessing them against a rubric. They are now teaching lessons from the two programs and again, evaluating them against another rubric. We have participated in one webinar so far from one of the companies and are scheduled to participate in another next week. It is always a challenge to make big decisions such as this one, knowing that there is never one program that will meet everyone's needs. I have confidence in the representatives from your school that they will do what is best for all students.

Our third year using the adopted Teacher Professional Growth and Evaluation System is soon coming to an end. All probationary teachers have had 2 formal observations and 4 mini observations. One additional mini observation must be completed by May 1st. I will also be completing the Summative Effectiveness Rating for the 13 probationary teachers. Our new teachers have all contributed to the culture of the school in many positive ways.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring weather!