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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 parents helping get the fields and snack shack ready for the Spring sport season. Thank you to all of you.

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.

Middle School will be completing its first year using their blended standards based report card. We have had many productive discussions about this transition. Our most recent discussions revolved around the Habits of Mind and ensuring consistency among the staff when it came to collecting necessary data and providing a rubric score. This type of process is always important when implementing something new. We will continue to have these conversations as we learn and grow.

Our second 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 12 probationary teachers. I would like to say, yet again, what a wonderful group of new teachers we have in our building. They have brought so much energy and new expertise to our school. We are very lucky to have all of them.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring weather!