



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

HOME OF THE EAGLES

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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I think Fall may have come. As I meet the buses in the morning the temperatures feel far different from our first few weeks of school!

We have completed our Fall NWEA testing. Teachers will use the data generated from these assessments to plan the future instruction and intervention with their students. Looking at data is an important component of testing. Time will be provided at our October inservice day to review this data within our grade level teams. This data will also be looked at by our RTI team of teachers, planning specific interventions for specific students needing things beyond the classroom.

I am pleased to be sharing the Sports Handbook and the standards referenced report card for the Middle School at this meeting. Both of these documents took the work of many people to bring them to completion. Mr. Huntsberry, Mr. Mugnai and I will spend some time looking at the Sport Handbook together, making sure we are consistent with our beliefs and how we relay these expectations to our parents. The expectation will be that this will be ready for distribution at our winter sport meeting, then become a regular working document for CDS. Our middle school teachers have worked for the last couple of years preparing for their new report card. A book study has taken place, videos have been watched, power standards have been identified and work has begun on making sure the assessments match the power standards. Like the implementation of the elementary standards based report card, I see this as a working document this year, giving teachers time at the end of the year to “tweak” the wording of standards if necessary, along with becoming more specific with science and social studies standards. We will begin sharing this report card with parents through the weekly update, parent teacher conferences, and classroom blogs, realizing that this process will be very familiar to both our 5th and 6th grade parents, though.

The 8th grade students had a successful Maine Studies trip, September 28th -30th . Students tented at Cobscook Bay. During their time there, they visited Campobello Island, Raye’s Mustard, and went on a Windjammer cruise. They had many planned activities that extended the learning beyond the classroom. Our grade 7 students will go to SERC (Schoolic Education and Research Center) at Schoodic Point, from November 2th -4th in which they will participate in environmental studies and mapping techniques. If you haven’t had the opportunity to look at the Maine Studies blog on our website I would encourage you to do so. Mrs. Stone has done a wonderful job with this blog and taking over the Maine Studies program. She had big shoes to fill if you will remember!