



## CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

### *HOME OF THE EAGLES*

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Mother Nature is certainly playing tricks on us these last few days. One day my windows are open and I meet the buses without my sweater, the next day I am bundled up. We have had quite a few absences from both kids and staff due to these late summer/early fall colds. Let's hope that this passes quickly.

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 would like to thank Mr. Mugnai for his attention to this testing. Testing takes a great deal of time between scheduling, trouble shooting computers and make ups. Needless to say, his presence in the office during this time has been limited.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending their final Maine Studies trip, September 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> . Students will tent at Cobscook Bay. During their time there, they will visit Campobello Island, Raye's Mustard, and go on a Windjammer cruise. These carefully planned activities extend the learning beyond the classroom. We are very fortunate to continue to provide this experience for our students. Mrs. Wendy Stone works very hard coordinating this and making sure the activities fit within the current curriculums being taught in the classrooms. If you haven't had the opportunity to look at the Maine Studies blog on our website I would encourage you to do so.

I have started my formal observations with our probationary teachers. These teachers continue to amaze me and leave me so excited for the experiences our students are receiving under their guidance. At this point, I have only formally observed the 3<sup>rd</sup> year probationary teachers. To see their growth from 2 years ago until now is remarkable!