



## CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

### *HOME OF THE EAGLES*

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Happy New Year, 2018! I am writing this on the Friday before Christmas Vacation. Our k-2 students and 3-4 students have had their Winter book celebration so we had many parent volunteers in the building the last few days. The energy before a school vacation is contagious! It is hard to believe that when we meet it will be 2018 and we will have been in school for almost half of the school year!

8<sup>th</sup> graders begin their visitations to area high schools this month. Dates have been chosen for students to be introduced to the high schools and see what they offer. On the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup> families will be invited to attend an information night. Beginning at 5:30, students and their families will rotate through the middle school hearing 15-20 minute presentations from Brewer High School, John Bapst Memorial High School, Bucksport High, Hampden Academy and Bangor High. There will be time left at the end for students to go back to individual schools to ask any questions pertinent to them. As promised last year, a flyer is being created and will be shared with families prior to the event as well as have copies available the night of the visits. Students will then have the opportunities to visit John Bapst and Brewer, along with United Technologies Center (UTC). In the past, these high schools have also hosted a parent night on the night of the Step Up days, where parents will have yet another opportunity to have questions answered. I am assuming the same process is being followed this year, but I am sure we will learn more on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our math committee continues to actively meet two times a month. So far we have completed the rubric on one program sample, Investigations. We will continue this process, looking at the three remaining programs and comparing them to the rubric with our Must Haves and Wish Lists.

Our sports teams have had some successful wins and tough losses. I am pleased with the sportsmanship I see from our players and the developing skills. We will be starting our new fencing club this month. We enjoyed a brief presentation from Mr. Stowe and our own Jack Mason one morning before school. We had many kids show an interest in the club, so we will see what happens from here!

Best wishes for a safe and happy New Year!