



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

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To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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As I write this, the Thanksgiving holiday is approaching, than we know how quickly the next big holiday comes upon us. I hope everyone has a restful Thanksgiving and is ready to take on the next busy season!

Center Drive has a team of teachers (Sharon Pelkey, Adam Theriault, Morgan Hart and myself) participating in a professional development opportunity offered through PREP titled: Assessment Literacy for Leaders. This is a 4 day workshop over the course of the school year and follows the train the trainer model. Our first 2 days of training have focused on the 5 keys to a quality assessment and the purposes of formative and summative assessments. We have begun having discussions about how we will share this new information with teachers in a way that is seamless and ties into what we are currently doing through the new observation system and our Focus School plan.

The new observation/evaluation system continues to be progressing positively during this pilot year. I have been focusing my attention on my new staff and our 3 year probationary teachers. All 9 teachers have been formally observed and will have had one mini-observation completed by this meeting. Following our adopted timeline, new teachers need 3 observations, one of which is a formal observation, by December break. I will begin focusing on my continuing contract teachers very soon. We have been using the Teachpoint web based software system to capture these observations and having many positive conversations about the best practices of teaching and learning.

Have a wonderful holiday with your families!