



## CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

### *HOME OF THE EAGLES*

To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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I think I have written this each year, but it is well worth repeating! April is one of my favorite months when working in a school system! Students have a sense of excitement as we head into the last stretch of the school year. Warmer weather and Spring sports is upon us which allows for students to spend more time outdoors. Academically, it is so exciting to watch the skills we have been teaching all year begin to transfer and make sense to students, seeing connections and applications to new learning. Maturity is demonstrated with many of our students!

MEA testing will be completed by the time we meet for students in grades 3-8. This assessment tests for approximately 7 hours over the course of 4 weeks. I again, would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Mugnai, Mr. Ward and Mrs. Stone for the amount of work they have put into this testing, creating and maintaining the rosters, troubleshooting computer testing issues and testing students with accommodations and needing make ups.

I heard many positive comments regarding our Inservice at Bangor High School with Heather Forbes on March 8th. Heather did a large group presentation on how to teach children dealing with trauma in their lives. We then had break out sessions with other educators reinforcing some of this learning. In the afternoon, Kelsey Larrivee acted as a teacher leader and provided teachers an opportunity to debrief on what they learned. We are in the process of ordering Heather's book (at many teachers' requests) to do an informal book study around this topic. You have a group of teachers dedicated to this profession and the students they teach.

Enjoy the warmer weather everyone!