



CENTER DRIVE SCHOOL

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To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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As always, January has been a busy month. With basketball games, chess meets, cheering competitions, snow days, and then all of the fun with rescheduling when necessary, life is full! We were pretty lucky this year. As I write this I only needed to reschedule one game. Hopefully I didn't jinx myself!

We will be meeting for a half inservice day on January 29th. Following the calendar expectations, this will be primarily focused on Math. The plan will be to look deeper into the next assessment being taught, analyze the questions being asked and which standards they assess so that we are consistent with reporting out to parents. We will also be looking at the assessment opportunities, formative and summative, so that we can continue to get a clearer picture of our students and where they are at. Best practice, of course, suggests not relying on just one or two assessments to reach a "grade". With new programs this is a natural piece of professional development. Mrs. Wright, new to the GT program, will be meeting with our non-math teachers, taking this opportunity to go through the eligibility process for gifted and talented and providing them some support on how to assist their G/T students in the classrooms also.

We continue to have many conversations focused on the new math program as well as email conversations/questions with the EnVisions consultant. Your teachers are all positive and working hard at implementing this program with the fidelity expected. I am proud of the work they are doing! This program has brought to the curriculum a definite rigor new to our students. We will continue to have hiccups along the way, but the teachers are embracing this and plugging along. The consultant will be joining us in May to provide continued PD as well as help us plan for next year.

Keep your fingers crossed for warm days ahead!