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To: Members of the School Committee

Fm: Judy Marvin, Principal

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Am I going to jinx us by reminding everyone that it is the 22nd of January and we haven't used a snow day??? I am trying to think back on my 27 years and I don't think this has happened! February is a short month but a busy one.

On Wednesday evening, January 27th, Brewer High, John Bapst, Hampden, Bucksport and Bangor visited CDS to do presentations to our current 8th graders and their parents. Students and their parents rotated through the classrooms, hearing each presentation and then had the opportunity to speak with individual schools about questions pertinent to the individual student afterwards. Information was shared on academic and sport programs that each school had to offer.

I will be attending a workshop on February 9th to learn about the new State Assessment. As of the time I am writing this report, I still have not learned a great deal about the test, what it contains and the administration process. I will report more at our next meeting.

A few months back I reported on the success of our students with the NWEA assessments, specifically to the amount of students at either expected grade level or having made a year's worth of growth. Winter is a busy season with sports, clubs and co-curricular activities. I am pleased with the amount of participation in school based activities, most of which are beyond the school day that our students take part in. 73% of our middle school students participate in at least one extra-curricular thing. 43% of those students participate in more than one thing! Being able to maintain school work, while participating in things outside of the school day, can be stressful for students. I think this affirms what we know about this school community. We have students, teachers and parents who all work hard for their children, wrapping around them to help them be successful.