



Dear Primary School Friends & Families,

February is here already!

This is always a wonderful time of year as we start to see all the children growing and learning. The children work hard all day and we notice all the little readers, mathematicians and explorers applying their new found knowledge to their continuing learning.

Each month we recognize students who demonstrate strong attributes in a particular Character Trait, This month is it honesty. Please continue to talk with your child about the importance of honesty, both with themselves and others. At the close of the month, we recognize those students by saying their name on the announcements, providing them with a certificate, pencil and a picture.

As always, there is much to do at the Primary School.

Please note the events below:

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| February 1 <sup>st</sup>   |                                | Race to Read Assembly (students only) |
| February 4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> (translator 5 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> ) | 9am to 1 pm                    | Kindergarten Registration             |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 7:00 pm HS Library             | Board of Education Meeting            |
| February 13 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 pm MS Library             | PTA Meeting                           |
| February 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |                                | Winter Break                          |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup>  |                                | Race to Read Donations Due            |
| March 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 6:30 pm/ MS Library (LGI room) | Assess for Success Discussion         |

Our Library Card initiative is in full swing. So far, our Kindergarten and First grade students have or will be visiting the Kinderhook Library to receive their very own cards. Please take some time to have your child visit any of the neighboring libraries to use their cards and check out books to read each night.

We are so excited to announce that the Flying Deer program has made its way to the Primary School. For the next six weeks, the counselors will be joining our students during their recess time to teach them new, nature based games. Our hope is that the children will learn new games, encourage cooperation between peers and ultimately help them to explore nature and love being outside!

As many of you are aware, the New York State Assessments are fast approaching. Our third grade students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge on an ELA and Math exam. Please join us for an informative evening event on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The goal of this event is to strengthen the partnership between parents and our school towards student achievement.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and/or concerns. I can be contacted in the Primary school at (518) 758-7575 ext. 6004. Follow us on twitter @ICCPSPrincipal

Have a wonderful month,

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