



Dear Primary School Friends & Families,

There are so many new and exciting things happening at our Primary School! To help organize and share this with you, I have decided to utilize sections of this newsletter for your information.

Community/Parent Discussion Group: Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 13th at 6:00 pm in the PS. The goals for this group are as follows. First, I hope to strengthen communication between parents and the Primary School. Feedback on our programs and procedures is always valuable to ensure that they are working well and benefiting our students. Next, this group will provide an opportunity for us to develop more ways to celebrate school-wide and student achievements. Finally, I would like to build upon community events that are offered at the Primary School.

Read for Ronald McDonald House: On Friday, Jan. 31st the staff and students participated in an assembly to kick off the Reading Challenge that we do each year. The students will be reading and pledging to support the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. The challenge runs from Feb. 10th through Feb. 21st. We are excited to ask the children to provide us with the Principal's Challenge. This will be something that they earn by having both 75 participants and pledging to our goal of \$5,000.00. Some schools have the Principal dress up, get pie in her face, have a pizza party, etc. I can't wait to see what the children come up with for my challenge!

Kindergarten Registration Week: If you were unable to attend the Kindergarten Registration event, you can still register your incoming Kindergarten during the week of Feb. 3rd. We will have registration from 9 am to 1 pm from Feb. 3rd to Feb. 7th, with translators available on Feb. 4th and Feb. 6th. Please contact the office if you have any questions and/or need clarification.

PTA Membership: We are so fortunate to have an active and engaged PTA team. I encourage you to get involved and support all the wonderful events that happen for our most youngest Riders. Please consider joining our PTA if you are not a member already.

Please note the events below:

Feb. 4 th	BOE Meeting	HS Library/7:00 PM
Feb. 12 th	PTA Meeting	MS Library/7:00 PM
Feb. 12 th	Half Day for students	Dismissal 12:00 pm (Bus) 11:40 am (Pick-up)
Feb. 13 th	Community/Parent Group	PS Library/6:00 PM
Feb. 17 th – 21 st	Winter Break	
Feb. 26 th	Dental Van Visit	Kindergarten and First Graders

We welcome our new Superintendent, Jason Thomson, to the Ihabod Family. We are all looking forward to working with him and know that he will be a great addition to the team.

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,

Health and Happiness,

Andrea Williams

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