

December 14, 2018

Dear Palmer Families,

It is hard to believe that the month of December has passed so quickly and we are just one week away from the start of vacation. Over the past several weeks, Palmer students have learned about the character strengths of gratitude, kindness, and humility and it seems only fitting that the week prior to Christmas Break we will all be learning about self-control.

In true Palmer Elementary fashion, I would like to report that a sizeable donation was made yesterday to the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau of non-perishable food items, toys, and winter clothing items collected through our PTA sponsored and fifth grade supported community event, *Cookies, Cocoa & Claus*, held on November 30th. Donated items collected in our “stuff the bus” campaign will help to support over 150 families in the Baldwinsville community during the holiday season.

Already we have also had the opportunity this month to enjoy the talents of so many of our Palmer students during a host of Winter Concerts and there are more to come! Obviously as parents, you should be very proud and as a staff, we consider ourselves so very lucky every day to have the opportunity to work with your children and help them to grow. When we return from the Holiday Recess, students will be learning about important Positivity Project character strengths including Perseverance and Hope/Optimism along with many others as we continue throughout the “new” year.

As the weather will only continue to become colder moving deeper into winter, please ensure that your child has proper attire to wear outdoors for recess (coats, hats, etc.). Quickly, we have come to recognize that as students are bringing more items to school with them, our lost and found is growing by the day. If your child has lost any items (coat, hat, gloves, sweatshirt, etc.) please check the *Lost and Found* table located inside our main doors. Any items not picked up by Friday, January 4th will be donated.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all Palmer families the most joyous of holidays and let you know that I look forward to working with all of you in 2019.

Upcoming Palmer events include:

- 12/19 – Kindergarten Holiday Concert (10:00 am)
- 12/20 – Grades 1 & 2 Holiday Concert (2:30 pm)
- 12/21– 1/1 - Winter Recess (No School)
- 1/10 – PTA Meeting (6:30 pm Palmer Library)
- 1/18 - PARP Kick-off
- 1/21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)

Reminders:

- Positivity Project Character Cards for Self-Control, Perseverance, and Hope/Optimism can be viewed as attachments.
- The next Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent of Schools will be held on 1/17/19 at The Baldwinsville Public Library from 7:00-8:30 pm.

To Stay Connected:

- Access Palmer Elementary's website, by clicking the "Schools" tab at the District's website, www.bville.org.
- As a school, we communicate a lot of information via email, so be sure to keep your current email address up to date and check it often!
- Like Palmer Elementary School on Facebook and follow @aewing35 on Twitter!

Have a WONDERFUL Holiday!

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