

January 15, 2021

Dear Palmer Families,

Although some time after the actual event, I want to wish all Palmer families a Happy New Year and express my feelings of optimism for 2021. Over the last few weeks, students have learned about the character strengths of Self-Control, Hope/Optimism and Prudence. Next, we will be exploring the strength of Perseverance, which is so important to getting through the challenging experiences that we all face at particular times in our lives and especially during current conditions.

Next week, to kick off PARP, students will participate in a virtual author visit with Kate Messner (links will be shared with ALL remote students) before beginning a whole school reading of *marty mcguire* for our One School, One Book experience. Please enjoy the opportunity to read with your children and look out for a link to my YouTube channel that will allow students and families to listen to chapter readings from the book starring various building and district level “personalities”. It is sure to generate some laughs! Special thanks go out to the Palmer PTA for sponsoring yet another wonderful experience, distributing nearly 500 books to students at Palmer that are both in-person and learning remotely from home.

In advance, we would like to thank families for their thoughtful communication regarding health related situations with students and family members in hopes of keeping everyone safe. We would like to continue to keep lines of communication open so that we can offer the best support possible and make accommodations to ensure student learning continues flawlessly.

As the cold weather continues, please ensure that your child has proper attire to wear outdoors for PE and Wellness breaks (coats, hats, etc.). If you have lost any items, please remind your child to check out our *Lost & Found* in the main foyer.

Dates to Remember:

- 1/18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)

Reminders:

- Positivity Project Character Cards for Perseverance, Integrity, and Love can be viewed as attachments to support conversations at home for strengths we will be learning about during the upcoming weeks.

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 weekend!

Alex Ewing