



### Principal's Message

It has been a fast and fun start to the school year! We have enjoyed many extra curricular events that help to make school exciting and buckled down to do the hard work of learning. I am proud of our students for their efforts and would like to encourage each student to take time to reflect on their accomplishments this term. Parents can help by asking for two stars and a wish - two things that your child feels they did a great job of this term and one area they would like to improve on.

Thank you to our whole staff for leading learning and for their continued care and dedication for our youth. Each adult in our building plays a key role in the functioning of our school and success for all learners.

We will see everyone back at school on January 8, 2024!

**I would like to wish everyone a *safe and happy* Holiday Season!**

### Week of Winter Festivities & Events

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we will not be hosting a traditional evening Christmas Concert this year. In place, we will be celebrating with a whole school sing along and other festive activities each day next week. Parents are invited to join in with us at our sing along and/or come and watch and be part of the fun.



<b>Week of Holiday Season Festivities Dec. 18 - 22</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	Christmas Cards to Special People in your life, around the school or in the community
<b>Tuesday</b>	Turkey Dinner
<b>Wednesday</b>	Spirit Day - Ugly Sweater Day Buddy Class Christmas Craft
<b>Christmas Thursday</b>	Whole School Sing Along & Band Performance Friends & Family Invited - 1:00 pm start
<b>Friday</b>	Spirit Day – PJ Day / Classroom parties



## **Report Cards**

Student Learning Updates went home Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received the learning update, please contact the school. Thank you to parents for their on-going communication and involvement in their child(ren)'s education. Your interest and engagement has a huge impact on overall success. Please take this opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made and review the ways you can support learning at home. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions about your child's report card.

***Please Send the Report Card Envelope Back to School.***

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## **Communicating Student Learning & The Proficiency Scale**

### **Learning happens on a continuum:**

- It is typical that a child will enter their learning environment needing some support (emerging or developing)
- With time, practice, and support the student will develop skills to work more independently
- Parents are encouraged to speak with their child's teacher to clarify questions or concerns about where their child is at in their learning

### **What does the Proficiency Scale Mean?**

- Today's curriculum places more emphasis on the deeper understanding of concepts than on the memorization of facts
- The performance scale is NOT a four-point scale that translates to a percentage or letter grade
- The Performance Scale and comments in the report card give feedback on what the child knows, understands, and can do
- The Performance Scale allows for feedback that is highly personalized to develop next steps in learning for growth and success for all

