

Winter 2017

Dear Parents,

**Winter** has certainly arrived and we are feeling the blast of cold air and frozen noses.

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2017. Where did the time go?

Our **Christmas Program** brought the true meaning of Christmas to light. The students enjoyed the whole process of trying out, practicing and then presenting the show to you. It never ceases to amaze me how we go from tryouts to production in such a short amount of time and can bring so much joy to everyone who is present at the final show.

We began our "**Help for Houston**" campaign on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Collecting coins from "Dad's pockets and Mom's purse", we were able to raise \$1,055.00 to help the families of Houston affected by hurricane Harvey. Half the donation went to Red Cross of Houston and the other half went to Unicef of Houston who gives directly to children who are affected by tragedies.

**Alex's Lemonade Stand** was a cause we brought back to our school this year to help children affected by cancer. Headed up by our own 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Tess Welsby, we were able to send a check for \$350.00 to help the cause. Tess and her committee have sold lemonade at car washes, car line, fall festival and even hot chocolate at Dinner with Santa. The team has an amazing lemonade stand to add excitement to those partaking in the event. New opportunities will be available in the upcoming months to continue to help this great cause, (maybe more hot chocolate ☺).

Many students, staff, and parents participated on Denim Day. We wore denim to school and work and were able to contribute \$410.00 to the cause. This organization, Lee Denim, supports the fight against breast cancer.

We welcomed our **Veteran** friends here to say, "Thank You" for their service and placed family names on our Veteran wall. Stories they shared were inspiring and the students enjoyed asking questions.

We had **Dinner with Santa** and our gym was full of smiling faces and childhood wonderment. Over 150 participants enjoyed the spaghetti dinner prepared by Mr. Bare and a former parent Mr. Yost. Special thanks to all our staff who helped make that night so successful.

The **second grading period** will end December 15<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home with your students on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. that day for our

Christmas vacation. We will return to school on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year blessed with good health and much happiness. Thank you for sharing your precious children with us, they are why I love coming to work each day and why I learn something new from them each day.

Very sincerely,

Linda Bare  
Principal