Families and Community members,

It has been a wild week, to say the least! We have seen weather that is much more springlike than winter-like; we have implemented the Test to Stay program for two classes. Unfortunately, we had to shut down our pre k program, and students and staff have continued to work hard and diligently. Everyone has proven to be resilient and patient during this time. We ended our week by welcoming an amazing musical group called Fretless. I can't tell you how enjoyable it was to have music filling the air of our gymnasium! I posted a short video on our Facebook page.

Next week we have two full days (Monday and Tuesday) and one half-day (Wednesday). A reminder that there is no aftercare program on Wednesday. The 6th-grade class has planned a winter field day for Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child is ready to spend time outside by having them bring the proper gear for the conditions.

Speaking of proper gear, it looks like we have some accumulating snow on the way this weekend. The children go outside daily for recess and other activities. They must have good gear that allows them to access these activities. If you need any winter gear, please let me know.

If you plan on getting together with extended family or friends over the holidays, you might consider doing a PCR test. We have take-home PCR test kits that you bring to a UPS drop-off site. You'll typically receive results within several days. We have a limited number of test kits, but let nurse Jill know if you want some.
The Ice Rink is hopefully being flooded soon, so this might be a good time to check your children’s skates. We have a limited amount of skates for kids to borrow, and we hope that One Planet will be using them. But if you are thinking about utilizing this great resource in town, now might be a good time to start looking for used ones (reach out to parents on our school Facebook page), or buy new ones.

Report cards have all been distributed. Please return the signed envelopes to school once you have read your reports. The report is for you to keep. If you have any questions, please reach out to your student’s teacher.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you for a short week of school before we float off into our holiday break!

Respectfully,

Keenan Haley

**Lunch on December 22**

It’s an early release day on Wednesday December 22, but we will still feed children! Our menu is missing that day, we apologize for that oversight. Lunch menu is:

Macaroni & Cheese
Chicken nuggets/or chicken tenders
Peas
Fruit

**Conversation Starter for you and your child:**

“Did anyone help you at school today? If so, who and what did they help you with?”

If you want, share your children’s response by email or on our Facebook page!