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Happy Thursday! We are appreciative of the quiet weather we have been having. Even without snow on the ground, our recesses are getting colder, so warm coats, hats, and mittens or gloves will be appreciated. Labeling coats, hats, mittens and gloves helps us return missing items to your children.

Our PreK are mastering their cutting skills. If anyone has some scraps of wrapping paper that they would be willing to send in, Mrs. Filosa is setting up a cutting station in her classroom. We thank you ahead of time for any donations of wrapping paper of any kind.

Our Student Council has been working on their Toys for Tots drive. Every afternoon they are sharing an update on our total and secretly stashing away the toys, in preparation of our troopers showing up with their vehicles on December 13th. As of today, we have had 100 toys donated. The Student Council is hoping to collect 320 toys by Stuff-a-Cruiser Day. Thank you so much for your donations so far.

Box Top Update: Please continually send in any Box Tops you might have at home. There will be another shipment sent out before the end of the year. Every Box Top helps to meet/exceed our goal of earning \$2000. Right now, we have earned close to \$600 since September. Mrs. Quigley's class is in the lead with 1,450 Box Tops. Second place is currently Mrs. D'Auteuil's class with 500. Keep clipping and sending them in with the class name on the envelope or bag. Please make sure the acronym of the product and the date are visible on the Box Top.

On Tuesday, December 11th (snow-date of the 12th) our band and chorus musicians will be presenting their Winter Concert pieces to our school, families, and community. Over the past weeks, we have heard snippets of pieces as they have been tirelessly practicing in preparation for the event. We look forward to these two shows next Tuesday at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Next Friday, December 14th, Marlborough Elementary School will be participating for a second time in Connecticut Children's Medical Center's (CCMC) PJ Day! Last year, everyone arrived at school in their PJs and supported CCMC with a donation of any amount. At the end of the day, we will share our total with CCMC, as they will keep a running tally of donations all day long. We will share our school total with you in the final letter before the holiday break. We'll post pictures of this adorable, meaningful event on our website. If you would like to make a donation on-line, please visit the following link: http://give.connecticutchildrens.org/site/TR?fr_search_type=team&pg=pfind&fr_id=1190&fr_search_type=team&lcmd=next&lcmd_cf.

As we approach the end of another week of school, we are amazed at how quickly the year is going by. Our littlest ones now navigate the school with confidence and their backpacks don't look as large on them and our oldest ones are bringing home informational packets for 7th grade today.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Friday and a fun weekend, especially with the Gathering on the Green on Saturday at 4:30 pm.

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

12/8 – Marlborough Gathering on the Green – 4:30 pm

12/11 – MES Winter Concert – 1:30 & 7:00 pm

12/14 – PJ Day for CCMC