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Happy Thursday! In today's Thursday Folder, please find the results of the Family Survey that was completed by 180 people during the weeks around Parent-Teacher conferences. As a staff, we review the results as part of a constant process of reflection on our school. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey.

Tomorrow night is our PTO Wolf Pack Hockey game. We will be gathering at 6:00 pm in the lobby so that our singers can get to their location on the ice and the big flag holders can make the trek up to the section of seating where the flag is located. We are looking forward to this fun yearly event.

Thursday, January 30th will be the next MES Spirit Day. Our theme for the day is: *All the Places We Will Go*, where everyone will wear a piece of clothing that shows a place that they want to go. Our fundraiser for the day will be to bring in soup, soap, or a dollar that will be donated to the Marlborough Food Bank.

Our Kindergarten Registration dates are quickly approaching. Our next year's kindergarten class will graduate high school in the year 2033. All families with an incoming kindergartener(s) will be joining us on Wednesday or Thursday, February 5th and 6th. If you know any families with incoming kindergarteners, please let them know about our registration days. Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to Trooper Packer of the Emergency Services Unit for teaching our 3rd graders about the importance of working animals in his job. Our 3rd graders were impressed with the information shared by Trooper Packer, as well as the demonstrations completed by Regis and Ronin. Both highly trained dogs amazed the children with their talents. Thank you to Trooper Packer, Ellie Packer, Regis and Ronin!

We will close this week's letter with a story where our children, once again, demonstrated their innate goodness. Sadly, we had a heating unit in the music room that ended up springing a rather significant leak on Tuesday at 2:40 in the afternoon. Quickly moving our little ones out of the room and to a drier location meant that they abandoned their coats and backpacks in the hallway. With the clock reading 2:55 pm, the shutoff was located, ceasing the flow of water into the room, the music room materials were stacked on top of furniture or in the hall, and our 1st graders were in the main hallway in need of their gear. Some of our sixth graders who were getting their instruments sprang into action and quickly assisted in reuniting all the 1st graders with their gear. As many people were all working together to solve a very wet situation, we were once again impressed with the lovely community we are part of. In the end, through the expertise of heating experts, a fabulous custodial crew, and the quick action of staff and our children, the day ended with everyone dismissing on time, the heating unit being fixed and the music room having a sparkly clean floor.

We hope everyone has a terrific rest of the week and a great weekend!

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

1/23 – Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
1/24 – PTO Wolf-Pack Hockey – XL Center – 7:00 p.m.
2/5 – Kindergarten Registration
2/6 – Kindergarten Registration

New Fliers:

Richmond Memorial Library
Meeting Snow Sisters & Ice Harvester
Non-Fiction Winter Reading Challenge