PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

The holidays are upon us and the Bayside STEM staff wishes everyone a safe and restful break. We are happy to have a little time to rest after such a productive first trimester. We have been involved in so many activities of interest that it is difficult to report on all. The most recent event was a District management team’s visit to classrooms where they observed our students in several intriguing activities. The sixth grade students in Ms. Scannell’s class were deeply involved in a design thinking project on an historical topic. Both sixth grade Language Arts/ history classrooms are steeped in GATE strategies with the help of our GATE coach, Ms. Beth Littrell. The seventh graders were learning about the religions of the world in Ms. Rutledge’s class and in Ms. Ivester’s class, they were measuring eggs and observing osmosis. The problem solvers in Ms. Ivester’s STEM class later attempted several difficult feats including wrapping a present with a team—not to mention their hands were tied together. Ms. Paolini’s STEM students were learning about the architecture of roller coasters and Ms. Becker’s technology class had hands-on instruction with School Loop as its key online communication device. As the visitors moved to Ms. Alton’s and Ms. Feske’s eighth grade rooms, they were entranced with a pro-seminar on the culture of middle school and discerning the impact of calling someone who gets help a “snitch.”. The eighth grade students were complimented by the visitors on their high level discourse. The school shined with the visit thanks to the strong preparation of teachers and the engagement and efforts of students.

Friday, our last day before the holidays, we will hold an awards assembly. This assembly celebrates honor students and will reinforce several of our school expectations regarding academics, behavior, and courtesy. These efforts and behavior are tied to participation in all special events. We will also demonstrate the difference between solids and stripes, to remind students that the uniform is an all solids requirement. Finally we will celebrate students recently receiving honors in the classes. Those receiving all “3’s” will be given a Dean’s List Award. Students receiving at least three “4’s” will receive the Principal’s Award.

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When we return in January, we will be holding parent conferences January 12, 13 and 14. Please be sure to sign up for those conferences. The sign up sheets are on the teachers’ doors as we have mentioned both on School Loop and on the auto-dialer.

Take care and may you enjoy your family time.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Elliott
Principal