

Welcome Back and Happy New Year Liberty Lake Families! We hope you enjoyed your winter break and are continuing to work hard on your new year's resolutions. While visiting classrooms this past week I saw many wonderful goals being set by our students for the New Year ahead. One of my favorite goal was talking with a student about working on their GRIT!!!! What a great reminder for us all to continue to work hard even when things get tough. Below are some reminders and updates as we move into January.

Formative 5 – In the newsletter before break we shared about our school focus using "The Formative 5" and ways to help our students develop success skills all students need. This month we will be focusing on EMPATHY. Empathy is defined as "the art of stepping imaginatively into the shoes of other people , understanding their feelings and perspectives, and using that understanding to guide your actions." Our teachers are focusing classroom meetings around empathy, sharing videos related to empathy, and reading books to teach the lessons of empathy with our students. Some books to support the development of empathy you can read at home are,

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de La Pena

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig and Patrice Barton

Sneetches and Other Stories by Dr. Seuss

Penny Drive – January is the perfect time to continue to give back to others. We are excited to once again partner with our Liberty Lake Police Department and hold a penny drive for Special Olympics of Eastern Washington. Please take a moment and read the Penny Drive flier attached for more information. Officer Mike, who volunteers his time in our 5th grade classrooms will be participating in the "Polar Plunge" for this event. Please show him our support and donate any amount that you can. Even a little bit of change can go a long way.

Parking- Please do not park in the designated parking stalls for day care vans. We appreciate your support in allowing our day care facilities to enter and exit the parking stalls quickly and easily for pick up and drop off. This also allows our students to have a common location each day after school for their safety.

PBIS- Our staff and PBIS team have been hard at work implementing our new hallway expectations. You may notice when walking around our building new posters with our hallway expectations. They may seem simple (Walk on the right, Level 0 voice, Hands to self) however these consistent expectations school wide allow for our students to be successful during transitional times throughout the day. We are also excited to begin using our STAR tickets to reward our students in a positive way. Students will be working towards "filling the bucket" for a school-wide reward!

Calendar Events –

January 11th-February 22nd – PENNY DRIVE

Friday, 1/18 – Popcorn Friday

Monday, 1/21 – No School

Monday, 1/21 – PTO Fundraiser at The Well

Wednesday, 1/30 – PTO General Meeting 6pm Liberty Lake Library

Friday, 2/1 – PTO Bingo Night at Liberty Lake

Have a wonderful weekend!!

Liberty Lake Staff

File attachments:

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