

News from the Elementary & Middle Schools

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The Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and I hope that 2017 brings us all peace and prosperity.

I would like to formally thank ICC High School student Kirstyn Suchoski, Mrs. Nichols (Primary School Secretary), and Jackie Purificato (Friends of Rachel) for a job well done in coordinating the efforts of our 4th annual ICC holiday radiation of providing a special Christmas for our families in need. Many families were blessed with an abundance of presents and food. Your generosity was overwhelming and truly appreciated! Thank you to all who participated.

On January 16, school will not be in session as we all observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There is an Activity Night scheduled for January 27 for students in grades 4 & 5 from 6:00—8:00 pm. The 6th annual “We Go Together” Family Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, January 20 at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

I truly hope that 2017 brings all of our families health and prosperity! Happy New Year everyone.

Sincerely,
Tim Farley
 Principal

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 5th Annual ICC Holiday Tradition
- We Go Together
- Activity Night
- Happy New Year!

News from Mrs. Bifano's Class:

Random Acts of Kindness

Mrs. Bifano and Mrs. Duso's class completed one random act of kindness each day in December. Each ornament on the tree represents one act.



From 6th Grade:

6th GRADE ON THE MOVE

The 6th grade went on its annual field trip to the Albany Institute of History and Art in early December. This activity provided a hands-on experience to investigate early civilizations and one of the first complex societies to develop, Ancient Egypt. Students saw many Egyptian objects and artifacts as well as three mummies that are on display at the museum. An art activity of making “ushabtis” gave 6th graders the opportunity to create a magical helper for the afterlife.

This project has been supported by a grant from Kinderhook Arts and Humanities Fund, a fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.



From the Nurse's Desk:

The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During the school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

Vision:

- Distance acuity for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10.
- Near vision acuity, hyperopia and color perception screening for all newly entering students.

Hearing:

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10.

Scoliosis :

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all students in Grades 5 – 9.

***The Elementary/ Middle School Nurse will begin vision, hearing and scoliosis screening in January and continue until all the mandated screenings are completed.** A detailed letter was sent home in November. If you did not receive the letter and would like a copy, please contact me and I will send you another one.

*****Recess Information:** Children go out to recess every day that the wind chill temperature is above 20° F and there is no precipitation. Appropriate footwear for the playground during the winter does not include dress boots with or without heels. Students should be wearing snow boots in order to go into the snow. According to the student handbook, in order to go into the snow a student needs snow pants, hats, gloves, winter jacket and snow boots.

Have a safe, happy, & healthy holiday!

Sincerely,
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ICC Elementary/MS School Nurse

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Happy New Year!

Upcoming Events:

January 2017

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| 3 | - | Welcome back to students |
| 10 | - | Board of Education Meeting,
7:00 PM |
| 11 | - | PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM |
| 16 | - | NO SCHOOL – MLK Day |
| 20 | - | We Go Together—Family
Variety Show |
| 27 | - | Activity Night (Grades 6-8),
6:30 PM — 8:30 PM |