

February 9, 2024

Dear Link Families:

Today was a big day! We celebrated our 100th Day of School with an indoor parade featuring our Grade K-2 students, and our grade 5 students celebrated their 1000th Day of School with activities to remember their time from Kindergarten to the present. I can't believe that the year is already half over - our students have done so much and grown so much - and we still have time to do so much more!

Next week we will have a Spirit Week as we lead up to winter Break. We love Spirit week and the students enjoy these themed days. Our Student Council has determined our days:

Monday = Sports Day

Tuesday = Dress Like a Teacher Day

Wednesday = Wear Red or Pink (Valentines Day)

Thursday = Disney Day

Friday = Pajama Day

We have two reading activities that are in full swing; the PTA PARP Calendar and our "It's SNOW Great to Read" challenge, where after students complete books they rate and/or recommend them. I always like it when a friend recommends a book to me - and we think our students will as well! Snowflakes on display will document our reading. February 16 is the Rockland Read-In, where we carve out a day to relax with a good book, read to one another, and enjoy the gift of having the ability to read.

We have completed the Winter STAR assessment (all grades). This computer-based assessment provides important information which the teachers will use. The purpose of this screener is to understand the skills that students have developed in relation to our ELA and math curriculum and NYS Learning Standards and to provide instruction which takes this into account. The STAR will be given once more during the course of the school year, towards the end of the year.

Please join us for this month's PTA meeting on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Special guest Julie Upton (an Assistant Principal at FFMS) will be here to present information on the grade 6 program at Festa.

I cannot convey how important it is to get your children to school on time (8:00 am) so that they can begin the day without a hurried, rushed start. Arriving on time, unpacking, and being present for the class morning meeting really sets students up for a successful day ahead. We appreciate your support in this.

Thank you for your partnership in the education of our children. Best wishes for a pleasant weekend, doing the things you love with the people you love.

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal