

January 19, 2024

Dear Link Families:

After a string of weather that has been relatively calm and mild, this week we have finally seen some measurable snow, which did make for a short week!

We are completing 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.

We also tested out the technology this week and participated in a simulation for computer-based testing. This will be the platform that we use for NYS Testing in grades 3-5 in the Spring, and it was good to give it a try!

Next week we have our Grade 5 PYP Exhibition. A letter had been sent previously to all grade 5 families, and a reminder will be sent on Monday. We are very excited for this event.

Our PTA continues to set up restaurant fundraisers for this coming month and there is a special Valentine's opportunity as well. Thank you for participating as you are able. These fundraisers help to provide for many programs that enhance our curriculum.

We also appreciate your support in getting your children to school on time (8:00 am) so that they can begin the day without a hurried, rush start. Arriving on time, unpacking, and being present for the class morning meeting really sets students up for a successful day ahead.

I hope that you all can spend some time doing things you love with those you love this weekend.

Sincerely,
Mary Bish, Principal