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Dear MSS Families,

I wish everyone a happy spring. I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather.

Update on Building Construction- We are continuing to work on revising procedures for students as we get ready for safety fencing to be put up the week before vacation. Ground breaking construction will be starting during April vacation.

Special education buses will be changing their drop off and pick up location to the semi-circle in front of the school starting on Monday, April 17th. If you pick up a walker at the end of the day, please be prepared to make room for the SPED buses when they come into the semi-circle.

Now that we have moved our dismissal to the lower playground, we ask that any parents who have children playing on the playground during dismissal be sure to ask students to follow the same rules that are in place during the school day. This includes using the equipment as it is designed and always being respectful of other students and adults. It can very confusing for children in line to see their peers not following the expectations in place during the school day.

Please also be aware that we will see a reduction in available parking during construction. Your support of these procedural changes is greatly appreciated.



Instructional Rounds- This winter Main Street School had staff from throughout SAU 16 visit for Instructional Rounds. This is the third time that MSS participated in this district initiative.



Each time that we have Instructional Rounds the school asks the visitors to give us feedback on a particular question. This year's question was "How frequently and in what ways are teachers positively promoting the increase of social-emotional competencies and how are students demonstrating social and emotional skills on their own and in their interactions with peers?" We have spent a great deal of professional development time this year focused on learning to support children's social and emotional growth and wanted to learn how that work is impacting everyday practice at our school.

The teachers and administrators from the other SAU 16 gave us a lot of very positive feedback. They observed, "Students having respect for classroom environments and helping each other with positive feedback." They also noticed students using Open Circle language and taking ownership of their learning.

Teachers were observed modeling expected behavior and language, giving praise for effort, and verbally reminding students about caring for each other.

As a result of the feedback we got from the Instructional Round visits we identified a number of next steps including looking for more ways for students to actively communicate the skills and knowledge that they learn in Open Circle, and to be mindful of giving specific feedback to students when we praise them for their efforts.

Personally, I appreciate the opportunity that Instructional Rounds provides for other educators in SAU 16 to see the great work that staff and students are doing at MSS.

PTO –This spring the PTO is actively looking for new PTO officers. I strongly encourage any interested parent to pursue this opportunity. We have always been very fortunate to have a very active and supportive PTO. This only happens because of the willingness of some parents to step forward and give of their time.



Early Release Dates- We have two Early Release Dates scheduled for the month of April. April 12th and April 19th have been built into the calendar to provide time for parent-teacher conferences. We will be dismissing extended day kindergarten, first, and second grade students at 12:45 pm on those days. There will be no PM kindergarten.

CMS Movie Night- Please find attached a flier about an upcoming free movie night being held at CMS.

Sincerely yours,
Steven J. Adler

Our mission:

To provide a positive, safe learning environment that fosters a life-long love of learning for all with respect for individual strengths and needs.