Principal's Report
to the
School Board

Given that we have far fewer school days in December, it is still beyond belief how quickly the holidays snuck up on us here at school. Before we knew it, we were holding the Recycle Sale. This activity allows every student to take home a gift for each member of their family for only a quarter apiece. Each present is even gift wrapped by our wonderful LPTO elves! Sixth grade students read holiday stories to the rest of the school in small groups at Community Meeting, gingerbread houses were built and decorated in first grade, and the spirit of giving was emphasized in every classroom. And then we performed the Winter Concert! It was fabulous as always with the kindergartners doing the Penguin Polka to steal the show, once again.

We hosted the Hampstead Players, a two person traveling theater company that performed the play, “A Christmas Carol”. The LPTO paid for this amazing performance. Subsequently, our fourth graders wrote papers comparing and contrasting the characteristics of Ebenezer Scrooge with the Grinch. In this way, we use our enrichment activities in collaboration with meeting our Common Core Standards goals.

Our Winter Program is off to a great start. Last Friday was our first day and most everything went smoothly. We have 80 students traveling to Cannon Mountain for alpine skiing and/or snowboarding, 9 students enrolled in our nordic ski program, and the rest of our students attending the Winter Fun activities such as dog sledding, skating, tubing, snowshoeing, snow fort building, etc. This huge logistical challenge was organized by Robyn Scott and Toni Butterfield. We absolutely could not undertake this huge endeavor without the help of our parent chaperones. They help in so many ways but mostly to ensure the safety of every child as we take them off campus for this exciting and enriching experience!

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing significant internet connectivity issues. We have been dealing with these problems for over six months, since the major changeover from our previous, stable internet system. Our teachers are trying to make the best of it but our students are bearing the brunt of not being able to count on a stable and functioning internet system. We will continue to try to work with all parties and vendors involved so that our technology goals for our students can be met on a consistent basis.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any information in this report or any school item in general.
Respectfully submitted,

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