



From the Desk of Janice Tierney

"When given the choice between being right and being kind, choose kind."

Dr. Wayne Dyer

WOW! It has been cold and windy this week. Our students and staff have braved the elements and continue to enjoy mask breaks and snacks – even in the most challenging temperatures. We are looking forward to the warm up next week. The milder temperatures should help melt the snow and allow us an outdoor line up in the morning and a longer mask/snack time.

COMPUTER USE

We have been faced with increased reports involving inappropriate use of district computers and accounts during both school and after school hours. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some reminders:

- School devices are for school use ONLY. At this time there is minimal to no homework that must be completed utilizing devices. Please remain aware of where and how the Chromebooks are being used and stored during off school hours.
- When employing a district account, regardless of the device, the history and use is accessible for district review.
- Our teachers are checking individual student account histories to ensure proper use.
- Google meets, chats and other social interactions are NOT to be scheduled or take place at student direction, invitation or on a district device without teacher supervision.

Unfortunately, we have been placed in the position, in recent days, that required an investigation beyond teacher review and resulted in the loss of computer/account privileges for some of our learners. We will be reviewing expectations and guidelines, focusing on responsible digital citizenship, and are asking for your support in reinforcing these expectations. We will also be reminding students that although we are learning in a digital environment, paper and pencil remain an option when inappropriate behaviors occur.

THANK YOU from our Kindness Crew for Pennies for Puppies Drive

Please see attached

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mrs. Watson has extended her family leave until June. Mrs. Harter will be with us for the remainder of the year.
- Mr. Jonathan Slevens will be returning to 2nd grade following spring break. We are so thankful for Mrs. Cooney's commitment and dedication during this unprecedented time and wish her only success.
- Miss Meghan Locker has accepted a permanent support staff position at Washington Elementary School. We are excited for her and this new opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mrs. Tierney

The Kindness Crew would like to
thank you
for supporting the Pennies for Puppies drive. We
raised \$900 for The Seeing Eye!

