



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

March 11, 2022

As we wrapped up the marking period, the building was busy completing assessments to ensure current performance reporting as well as sharing informative comments to launch students into the final stretch of the school year. We have a lot to look forward to this spring and will be anxious to share all that lies ahead. Check your parent portal for your child's report card and enjoy.

### MASKS & SMILES

The energy was extremely high on Monday with students returning to school with the option to remove masks. The students and staff were amazingly respectful and responsive to individual choice and it truly has been a seamless transition. Thank you for your support.

### LUNCH & RECESS

Just a gentle reminder that school grounds – including during lunch and recess – are closed to visitors including parents. If you need to see your child or drop off an item, please follow established procedures and come to the main entrance. Following these rules keeps our grounds secure and all students safe.

### INTERESTING PERSPECTIVE

I read an article this week about COVID and mindset. The information made me pause and think about how I have been approaching each day as well as planning ahead. As important as it is to honor the past, cherish memories and remember what was – it is also important to enjoy today and look forward to what may be. I traveled last weekend and as I thought about that experience, I felt compelled to share. Now, I may be dating myself but I remember arriving at the airport 30 minutes before the flight was scheduled to leave, checking bags at the curb for no cost, running through the airport – directly to the gate – and boarding the plane – no ID required. A memory for sure but certainly not reflective of current experience. Are there positives and negatives to both – absolutely; however, baggage fees, TSA check in, government issued ID, and leaving loved ones at the curb has quickly become the everyday practice. I share this with you today to ask you to pause, consider and perhaps reset your mindset as you begin each day. Things have changed and embracing the change as we look forward may just be a little bit of what we all need.

...and in case you may not have heard, I am retiring August 1, 2022.

More on that in the weeks ahead. Please watch emails and district bulletins to allow your voice to be heard in the search process with the first opportunity Wednesday, March 16.

Enjoy the weekend. Stay safe, warm & dry.

*Mrs. Tierney*