



FARMINGTON RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 2020

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REMINDERS:

- Colder weather is here. Please dress your child appropriately which means sending a jacket with them.
- If your contact information changes at any time during the school year, please update The Office.
- Please call by 9:00am if your child will be late or absent for any reason.
- No Cars are allowed in the driveway during arrival or dismissal. Please park in the front parking lot.

Important December/January Dates:

Dec 24- Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 4	PD—No School
Jan 4	School Committee Meeting—7pm
Jan 7	PTA Meeting—6pm
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No school

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE...

Dear Farmington Families,

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us already. The staff and students of Farmington River Elementary have had a very productive fall. Both students and staff have put forth an outstanding effort with equally exceptional results. As we enter the holidays, there is so much to be thankful for.

Thank you for the vital role you play in our success for both in-person and remote learning. We are fortunate to work with parents and community members who value quality education and actively partner with our school to help make sure every student can reach their full potential.

During the holidays, I hope you can talk to your child about the precious gift of education and its importance to their future.

If you travel over the holidays, please keep in mind the Governors requirements when reentering the state. I fully realize that not visiting family over the holidays is difficult for all of us. My goal is to ensure the school can remain open.

Thank you again for entrusting your child to our school. I look forward to working together for many years to come. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Tom Nadolny

Principal/Superintendent



Thank you to everyone that supported the Usborne Virtual Book Fair. Farmington River received \$300 in free books for the students!

THE KID'S CAFÉ NEWS

The Kids Café wanted to remind everyone that each child can receive free breakfast and lunch for the remainder of the school year!

We wish you all a safe and Happy Winter Break!

School Musical...

Zoom rehearsals for the Spring Musical will begin in December for small groups of students who are learning new acting roles for the musical comedy that FRRSD children helped create last year, The Cowhands and the Aliens Rescue Earth. If your child is interested in participating in the show this year, please email Laura Catullo at lcatullo@frrsd.org. The cast will begin weekly zoom rehearsals at the end of January, so there is still time to sign up! . Hopefully, we will be able to have a Spring performance in May or June of 2021! Stay tuned for the date(s) of the performance(s)!

ART CORNER...

November was a month full of textured rubbings (1-3); migrating birds (k-3); abstract acrylic paintings (grades 4-6); drawing, painting and coloring turkeys (k-4); illustrating and coloring visual reminders of who we are thankful for in our school (k-6), and understanding the difference between abstract and realistic works of art (3-6). December will introduce some paper skills, origami, and paper sculptures. Remote learners will be invited to attend these classes using zoom.

Student Council...

Student Council Officers have been elected and confirmed and have already started to create some fun activities for our school community. The first was a Thanksgiving spirit day, asking everyone to dress for the occasion and wear the colors of the season. A small prize was awarded to a kindergarten student who was the best example of the spirit of the season. The next Student Council sponsored activity was a "Holiday Wacky Outfit Day" on Tuesday, December 15th. On that day students dressed in a wacky, wild, and funny way to bring laughter and joy into the school for the Holiday Season! A third grade student was the winner for the wackiest holiday outfit. Ideas for future activities include a school-wide pajama day, a Valentine's Day bake sale fundraiser and an Earth Day trash walk. The Student Council would also like to participate in an "Ending Hate" campaign to help students recognize the value of different cultures, races, and ethnic identity. More Information will be coming!