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From the Principal's Desk

I wish you all a holiday break that brings you peace, rejuvenation, and time with friends and family. Hopefully, the winter weather will afford us some decent snow for some great skiing, boarding, snowshoeing and pristine views, enjoyed from the comfort of home where a good book or movie is beckoning. I know there are some movies that I'm looking forward to catching.

I know that many children will be receiving gifts and we've worked to support those families for whom gift giving is difficult thanks to the generous support of many. I hope that all insure that the children all have an opportunity to find ways to give as well. There is much joy in giving, which can only be discovered when one has the experience. Giving doesn't have to involve money. My children gave me gift certificates that I could "cash in" over the course of the year. The certificates for extra chores or tasks that were not normally chores for them, but they were capable of chipping in and doing. They were pretty imaginative, and it was delightful reading through their ideas of how to help out.

As adults, each of us can model giving and caring, and sometimes it takes suggestions of how a child can help and contribute, whether it's helping to set a table, do the dishes or take out the trash. While each could be considered a chore and not worthy of gratitude, each provides an opportunity to express gratitude for the contribution to family or community. Anything that is done without reminder or suggestion deserves special recognition, because it reinforces the child's actions and their desire to repeat that kind of thinking. I know that so many of you are working in your homes - doing the normal household work - cooking dinner, cleaning up, sweeping, doing laundry, etc. but how many of us actually thank each other for our contributions. A "thanks

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Up Coming Events:

Dec. 23: Jan. 2: Holiday Break - **NO SCHOOL**

Jan 3: **NO SCHOOL** for Students

Jan 6: **SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS!**

**Whole School Assembly
January 9, 2020
Ms. Nolan Leading**

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for doing the dishes", even if it's that person's turn doesn't negate the contribution. We hope to model contributing and the reinforcement may be as simple as "thank you".

I hope that you will consider taking some time over this holiday break to share a good book with your children. Young children can delight in good chapter books if the story is engaging. Young children do not always have to have picture books. They love listening to stories you tell and your stories don't come with pictures.

Whatever you do, Enjoy each other over the holidays. We hope you have a wonderful break.





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Last day to sign up for the play!

1st & 2nd grade CHOIR:

<https://forms.gle/yNF63NPjmSJRocUZ7>

3rd-5th grade CAST:

<https://forms.gle/aL87ppR2PZWYfvCw9>

4th & 5th grade SET CREW:

<https://forms.gle/uuKyGbf9EFrLEh6x5>

If you haven't sent your payment yet, please mail your check to 469 S. Willard ST, Burlington VT05401 (made to **EES PTO Drama**) or use VENMO with username "geniehenry".

We are looking for a graphic designer to help us with the Playbill, please email geniehenry@gmail.com if you can help!

*Thank you so much to those who participated in the Danforth Fundraiser! Have a rooaarring holiday season!
Genie*