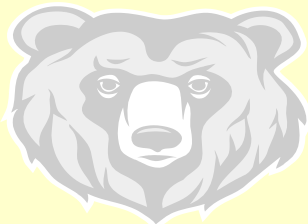


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From the Principal

While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about. ~Angela Schwedt

January is National Mentoring Month. Research shows that children who have mentors find it easier to make healthy decisions and positive choices in their lives. Mentors provide crucial support and guidance to children that lasts a lifetime. Mentors are friends, role models and nurturers of possibilities.

THANK YOU, to all of our staff and volunteers who give their time to serve as school based mentors for our students.

Cold, snow and ice got you down? The Center for Prevention and Counseling's Strengthening Families Program is hosting a free **Family Night Out** for the entire family and dinner is included! Child care is provided for children under five. Call 973-383-4787 for more information and to register.

CONGRATULATIONS, to our **DECEMBER** Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-CASEY McMULLEN
First Grade-KEVIN MULVANEY
Second Grade-ALESSANDRA VAN DUNK
Third Grade-DALE OBERT
Fourth Grade-KEELAN LYON
Fifth Grade-SHIRLEY HICKEY
Sixth Grade-DESTINY STOCKLAND

THANK YOU, to our PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES readers for **DECEMBER:**

- LINDSEY PREDMORE-Goal Setting
- ERICA TERWILLIGER-Leadership
- MEGAN VANHERWYNEN-Acceptance

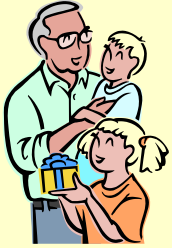
MONTY visited us on January 3rd to congratulate the MONTY BUCK RAFFLE WINNERS FOR **DECEMBER:**

- ❖ Georgia Gelderman
- ❖ Tyler Haggerty
- ❖ Tyler Laird
- ❖ Austin Anderson
- ❖ Chelsea Bacho
- ❖ Sabrina Cusumano
- ❖ Austin Flesch
- ❖ Angel Heede
- ❖ Todd Pfister

STAFF NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sarah Stickney** on being selected for the third/fourth grade LEAP class.

Mrs. Welle's class collected food and bedding for the *Have a Heart Guinea Pig Rescue*. Way to go!



The primary grades did a wonderful job entertaining their *Grand Friends* with holiday songs and dances on December 21st. Thank you to the MEA PRIDE Committee, our Student Council, all of our student performers and **Ms. Unger, Mrs. Henn, Mrs. Kithcart, Ms. Vigorito, Mrs. Reisen, Mrs. Barone, Mrs. Neglia, Ms. Banghart, Mrs. Marion, Ms. Bellini, Mrs. Jeskey, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Loewenberg.**

Our Winter Concert, *Light the World*, was a great success! The students played to a packed house on December 16th. The Montague Belles: **Mrs. Barone, Ms. Bellini, Ms. Feldman, Miss Geoghegan, Mrs. Goyette, Mrs. Henn, Mrs. Kithcart, Mrs. Reisen, Ms. Unger, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Welle and Mrs. Wright** made their debut performance! Thank you to **Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Feldman** for this evening of song that got everyone into the holiday spirit. Thank you to our chaperones: **Mrs. Alles, Mrs. Barone, Ms. Bellini, Miss Geoghegan, Mrs. Goyette, Mrs. Henn, Mrs. Kithcart, Mrs. Reisen, Ms. Unger, Ms. Vigorito, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Welle and Mrs. Wright;** and to **Mrs. Moran** for the scenery and **Mr. Finnegan** for technical assistance.



Mrs. Goyette's LEAP class attended the County-wide "Building Bridges to Friendship" program on January 5th at Sussex Tech. Gifted and Talented students from the county schools met for a day of sharing and learning.

