

Good afternoon North Hampton parents and families,

I'm pleased to be writing my first brief blurb here in the year 2018. It's amazing we're already nearly half way through January. I trust this new year is finding you and yours well, and in good spirits. I'm happy to report that our students and teachers haven't missed a beat, in spite of the fits and spurts our recent weather has caused in terms of getting back into high gear. It's been wonderful to see all of the smiling faces of our students, many of them proudly showing off a new something or other they received during the holidays, and staff, who are resolute about making 2018 all that it can be for our kids.

It's also great to see the students enjoying the snow. However, as they know, if they do not have boots they are not allowed off the blacktop area of the playground. Also, although I'm not sure how much of the snow will remain after this warm-up, as a safety precaution, the high mounds created by parking lot and playground snow removal are off limits. We have reminded students that they should not be climbing on mounds more than 4 feet tall and that making tunnels is not allowed. Of course we want our students to have fun, but we need to ensure their safety, first and foremost. Thank you for helping to ensure your children are prepared for the outdoors.

Next week, I'll be including a short survey (online Survey Monkey) asking for parent/family feedback about 1st Term report cards and parent conferences. I hope you'll take a few moments to complete the survey, as it will be a big help in our efforts to continually improve, particularly related to parent/family engagement and helping Moms, Dads and guardians to improve their understanding of their child's learning and growth.

Lastly, over the next two months, as the North Hampton community engages directly in the political process and helps to forge the future of the town and school, I and we here at North Hampton School appreciate your continued support for the people and programming at NHS, as we work to maximize the learning and growth of each and every child, from the ages of 4-14.

Please make note of the following dates/events:

Monday, Jan. 15th- NO SCHOOL- observance of MLK, Jr. Day

Friday, Jan. 26th- NO SCHOOL- Staff development

Tuesday, Feb. 6th- NHS School Budget Deliberative Session- 7pm

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