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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a New Year! We hope you had a chance to rest and rejuvenate over the holidays. Winter is certainly here with a bang - please make sure that your child is dressed for the season and it is really helpful to label their winter clothing so that it can be returned if it gets misplaced.

We have Deb Radkowski beginning as our new secretary in January. To help with the transition, please be sure to always call safe arrival – even on snow days! – and leave your child's first and last name, as well as their teacher, and reason of absence.

Mrs. Roffey has decided to retire and we wish her all the best in her new chapter. Please take a moment to read her message found in the bottom left hand corner of the following page.

We have winter electives happening the first week back – please have a look at the calendar for dates. Volleyball is also beginning in January and look forward to seeing our athletes represent the school well.

Students are reading to prepare for Battle of the Books in February. Students make teams of 4 and compete in a question/answer format. Winners from our school in the junior and intermediate divisions will compete in a regional battle. Happy reading! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us at the school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Todd Truax
Principal

Ms. Tracy Lupton
Vice Principal

Cross-Country Ski CLUB:

Each Day 2 recess from 1:15-1:45pm, students will be able to take part in cross-country skiing at Spruce Glen.








In January, this means Tuesdays, and in February, it means either Wednesdays or Thursdays. Students from Grades 1-8 will be sized up for equipment and be able to do some skiing on the yard. No prior experience is needed for this club. Equipment is limited so if your child wishes to bring in his/her own personal equipment, that would work. You will need to make arrangements with your child's teacher about storing the equipment (poles, boots, and skis). This club is a fun club for those who want some exercise and for those who want to learn how to ski and/or improve skill levels. We will be hosting a meeting shortly for interest.

Cross-Country Ski RACING at Spruce Glen:

For those interested in taking part in the Arrowhead Nordic Ski School Race, that date will be on January 31st, 2017. This race is a Classic Ski Race and there will be more information forthcoming. Our second race will be a Free Style Race (both Classic and Skate Skiing) at Arrowhead and it will take place on March 3rd, 2017. *Students who are taking part in the races should be attending Ski Club Practices.*

We are in the process of upgrading our equipment to ensure that we have ski boots that can attach to all bindings. Thank you to our School Council who have allocated some funds to make improvements to our equipment! Staff assisting in X-Country Skiing: Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Holtby, Mrs. Gibson, and Mrs. B-Y.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Christmas Break						
8	9 Back to School	10 	11	12 	13 Winter Electives #1	14
15	16 Parent Council Mtg 6:30pm	17 	18	19 	20 Winter Electives #2	21
22	23	24 	25 Free Throw Competition @ St. Mary's	26 	27 HHS Volleyball Tournament Winter Electives #3	28
29	30	31   Vball #1 Classic Ski Race	1	2 	3 PD Day	4

Hi everyone: Since I'm not returning in January as planned, I want to take a moment to say farewell to my extended Spruce Glen Family. Now that we've had a taste of retirement and its many adventures, Bill and I have decided to make it official. So, to the students, staff and all the wonderful families I gotten to know and worked with over the years, it's been a privilege to act as your school secretary and watch your children grow. I leave with many fond memories.
~ Sandy Roffey



HOT DOGS

Lunches will be served starting January 17th and each Tuesday thereafter until the March Break. The cost is \$3.00 and students will get a hot dog with the choice of ketchup, a whole wheat bun, and some veggies. The hot dog brand will be Natural Select Chicken Brand. Forms will be going out shortly.

