



Community Connections

For our children, our community, our world, our future

Important dates:

December 20-31

Winter Break —
No School

January 17

Martin Luther King
Jr. Day - No School

January 28

End of Semester/2nd
Quarter

January 31

Mid-Winter Break
Day - No School

February 11

Professional Learning
Day - No Students

February 21

Presidents' Day - No
School

Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

It is difficult to believe that 2021 is almost behind us and when we return to school on Monday, January 3rd it will be 2022. While 2021 definitely presented some challenges there is a lot to be thankful for as we reflect upon this past year and prepare for the new year.

To begin with, progress has definitely been made! At this time a year ago, we were in the midst of planning for the return of in person learning for students in grades 3 – 12 in January and February of 2021 (most students were still engaged in distance learning). Thus, although we continue to work through health and safety protocols and an ongoing pandemic, we are in a much different place today. Our students in grades P-12 attend school in person (families who have made the decision to attend in person) and have been able to do so since the very beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

While it would have seemed like a small feat to discuss the success of in person learning prior to the pandemic, it has been extremely important to have our students back in our schools each day and participating in extra-curricular activities and events. And, although there have been some bumps in the road, we have been able to keep our schools and classrooms open throughout the entire fall. In fact, we have not had a single classroom or school closure this school year. This is definitely progress and cause for celebration and optimism as we head into 2022.

As we approach Christmas, the holidays, and the new year my sincere hope is that each family is safe, healthy, and able to spend as much quality time with one another as possible. Parents and guardians, I urge each of us to make the most of the upcoming holiday break and to spend as much time with our children as possible. Too often, we can be preoccupied with the busyness of work, life, and the holidays (and justifiably so) and miss the opportunity to create positive memories with our children and loved ones. I have been guilty of this on many occasions and it is my goal to truly be present as much as possible in the coming days.

In closing, thank you for your support of our students, staff members, and school district. Together we continue to work through the many obstacles that come our way and do so in order to meet the social emotional and learning needs of each of our students. Thank you! Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!


Robert W. Roettger

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Superintendent

Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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Character Trait for December:

CARING

Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper.

December 2021

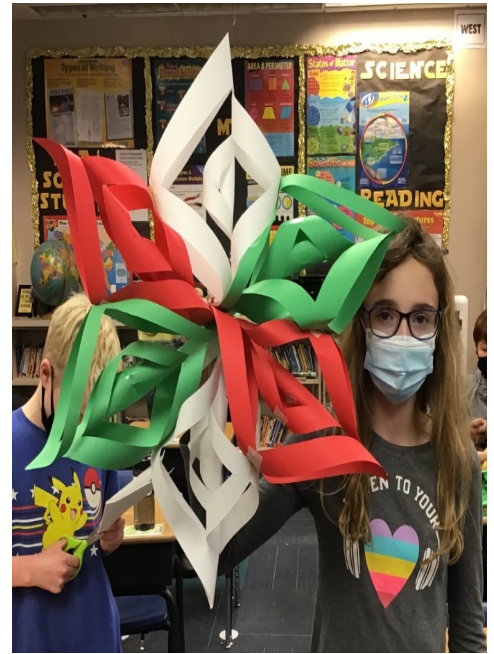
Westwood's Holiday Store



Sunset Kindergarten Art



Windsor Art



CMS v. WMS 8th Grade Volleyball



CHS Varsity Basketball



CHS Cheer



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