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Dear Darien Community,

The up and down temperatures this week were not ideal, but it finally feels like we are trending in the right direction. It has been great seeing our spring athletes out on the fields and having daylight a bit longer into the evening. I have looked ahead to next week and I see temperatures in the 60s and 70s - fingers crossed!

BOE Meeting
If you have not yet attended or viewed a Board of Education meeting this year, you are missing out! At most meetings, we feature a presentation on a relevant and timely instructional topic. Two weeks ago, a group of elementary teachers presented about the focused professional learning in reading this year and how it is impacting their classrooms and students. It was an excellent discussion that highlighted the vital work happening in our schools. This past Tuesday, our five elementary principals delivered another important presentation. They also focused on reading instruction, providing detailed insight into the five critical components of reading instruction you see every day in our K-3 classrooms across Darien. It was powerful to hear about the consistent, aligned reading instruction happening in our classrooms. Here is a link if you'd like to view the presentation.

Byrne's Book Club
Join us at The Depot on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 pm for our second book club meeting. We will be discussing *More Than Just a Game*, which offers an insightful look at the high-stakes world of modern youth sports. Since this is a must-read for parents and coaches alike, we hope you can make it for the discussion. Many thanks to The Depot for hosting us.

"Celtic Joy" Strings Festival
The Darien Public Schools and the Darien Music Parents Association (DMPA) are thrilled to host acclaimed fiddler Hanneke Cassel alongside orchestra students in grades 4–12 for *Celtic Joy* - a vibrant celebration of fiddle music! Join us on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm in the Darien High School Auditorium for this exciting community concert. Reserve your FREE tickets here.

DHS Sports
The spring athletics season is officially underway, starting with several scrimmages this weekend. Tomorrow boys varsity volleyball hosts a 9-team play day scrimmage at Darien High School at 8:00 am. The morning continues with girls varsity lacrosse away at Staples High School for a scrimmage at 9:00 am, while boys varsity lacrosse hosts a 5-team play day scrimmage at Darien High School at 9:00 am. Rounding out the day at 10:00 am, both boys varsity baseball and boys junior varsity baseball host Westhill for scrimmages at Darien High School. Roll Wave!

As we head into the new week, I wish a Happy Passover to all our families and staff who celebrate.

Sincerely,



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