



# IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Elma Primary School Community,

WOW! What a wonderful first week it has been! I have been welcomed with open arms! The kind phone calls, cards, messages, emails, and pop-ins have truly meant so much to me. Thank you for such a warm and thoughtful welcome.

Throughout the week, I've made a point of spending time in the cafeteria chatting with our students and getting to know them. They have certainly enjoyed quizzing me on their names! Thankfully, they have been very forgiving as I remind them that I'm learning many new names and faces. I'm excited to continue building those connections.

I also had the pleasure of visiting several classrooms, where I saw students enthusiastically engaged in a variety of learning activities. It was wonderful to see such meaningful and joyful learning taking place across our school.

Our third graders were also fortunate to enjoy a beautiful day for a field trip sponsored by Earth Spirit, where they learned all about maple sugaring. It was a great hands-on experience that helped bring their learning to life.

One special highlight was Kindergarten's Royal Ball, which celebrated the culmination of their current CKLA unit on Kings and Queens. Seeing our "royal" students parade down the hallways brought smiles to both students and staff. It was so fun to witness their excitement.

As we look ahead to next week, please remember that it will be a three-day week for students. Our first graders will present their play, *Once Upon a Time – A Musical*, for parents and family members at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, with students enjoying a showing earlier in the day. Families are welcome to enter the building beginning at 12:50 p.m.

Some of our third graders also suggested holding a Spirit Week, and I was happy to support their wonderful idea. A flyer went home in student backpacks today, and the schedule is included below. You'll notice that Wednesday's theme is a little different. Due to our first graders having specific costumes and clothing guidelines for their play, we wanted to avoid adding any additional dress expectations. Instead, we're focusing on kindness and community with Warm-Hearted Wednesday.

- **Dress for Success Monday** - Wear your best outfit or dress like your favorite professional
- **Pajama Party Tuesday** - Wear your coziest, school-appropriate pajamas
- **Warm-hearted Wednesday** – Spread positivity through random acts of kindness

Thank you again for welcoming me into the Elma Primary School community. It is truly an honor to be part of such a positive and supportive school family.

Mrs. Goldman