

January, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your time with your children over our recent vacation period. As we begin 2017, I want to share with you what a wonderful job our school community did in completing our “caring/compassion” service projects for the month of December. As a school community, our student council collected many toys that went to Nassau Resource Center Holiday Drive. Additionally, the East Schodack Volunteer Fire Department donated \$500 in gift cards. All proceeds went to families in our school community in order to assist them with the holiday season. I greatly appreciate everyone’s efforts and donations to support our local community. We should be very proud of how well we continue to support one another.

As we head into the New Year at DPS, I wanted to bring to your attention a few items that may be of interest. On January 11th, all of our students will receive a packet of information from Dr. Pampel, our Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction pertaining to our third, fourth and fifth grade students receiving Google APPS for Education accounts. There will be login information as well as permission slip that will need to be returned to DPS.

Additionally, our school community will participate in a book drive to support our second Summer Reading Incentive Program. We are requesting that our families take a look at their book shelves and see if there are any gently used or new children’s books that you would be willing to donate for a student book exchange. The book exchange would take place towards the end of the school year.

We would like to collect books beginning on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 and conclude our collection on Friday, February 17, 2016. This will provide us an opportunity to organize and sort the books appropriately. Please feel free to send your books in with your children. We will have multiple boxes set up for collection. We appreciate your generosity in this effort.

Here are a few events that are happening at DPS in the month of January:

January Events:

- 10th: Grade 4 Concert @ 7:00
- 13th: Character Education Assembly @ 2:15
- 13th: Grade 3-5 Activity Night @ Genet 6-8 P.M.
- 14th: Winterfest @ Goff MS 9:00-3:30
- 16th: No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18th: Google Parent Training @ CHS Auditorium 6:00-8:00

Have a great new year!
Jack Alvey