

# Bell Top

39 Reynolds Rd., Troy, NY 12180

**November 2017**



## From the desk of Mr. Mahar

This year seems to be quickly flying by. We just had our Halloween parade which was a huge success. The students had a lot of fun.

We had our kick-off assembly for the Ronald McDonald House read-a-thon. We will be participating in for the month of November.

Our students and staff will be participating in a Veterans Day assembly on November 9th. The students will get an opportunity to meet several Veterans as well as two highly trained and socialized service/companion dogs. Rebuilding Warriors provides these dogs to Veterans to aide them as they acclimate back to society. The Veterans benefit from their confidence building and companionship. For additional information please visit their website at <http://www.rebuildingwarriors.com/>.

We continue to practice safety drills required by NYSED. So far we have practiced four fire drills and one Lockdown drill. There will be one more fire drill this month before we resume additional drills in the spring.

On **November 3rd**, we will be practicing our required yearly '**Emergency Go-Home**' drill. Dismissal will begin 15 minutes earlier than usual. On that day, students will be dismissed to the location you have indicated on the student verification form in the event of an emergency closing. All student pick-ups on this day need to be done by 2:45.

I enjoy my new position here as the Bell Top principal and especially enjoy interacting with the children every day.

## November Important Dates

- 11/3 - Emergency Go-home drill - (begins at 3:05 pm)
- 11/5 - Daylight savings time begins - (Set clocks back one hour)
- 11/8 - End of marking period for K-5
- 11/8 - BOE meeting - 7pm - Genet Elementary
- 11/9 - Veterans Day assembly - 9:40 am
- 11/10 - Veterans Day observed - (**No School**)
- 11/15 - Report Cards go home
- 11/16 - Half-day - K-5 parent conferences
- 11/20 - Santa's Magical Express (PTO event)
- 11/22 - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Recess
- 11/29 - Half-day - K-5 parent conferences
- 11/30 - Grade 4 Concert at Columbia High School - (auditorium)



*I wish all of you peace and happiness during the upcoming holiday season.*

