

# Bell Top

39 Reynolds Rd., Troy, NY 12180

**December 2017**



## *From the desk of Mr. Mahar*

I cannot believe it is December already. The weather has been quite cooperative so far, but I am sure the children are looking forward to snow. With that we need to be mindful to dress appropriately for the colder weather. Students go outside for recess every day weather permitting. Coats, hats, gloves and suitable footwear is essential.

Our first trimester is over and we had our two parent-teacher conference days. I hope all families have found a time to meet with your child's teacher. This first semester allows the teachers to gain insight into their students so they can best meet their needs. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I believe Bell Top teachers and families serve each other well to make the children the best they can be.

Our fundraiser for the Rebuilding Warriors project has begun. This is a year long fundraiser where children can bring in their spare change to put towards raising money for a Veteran to have a companion/service dog.

The 4th grade concert was a success. Columbia has been a suitable location for our concerts and Ms. Glennie put on a creative medley of songs by the 4th grade students. It truly was a wonderful way to begin the holiday season.

Ronald McDonald House read-a-thon is coming to a close. It's always a great way to get into the spirit of the season by helping the families at the Ronald McDonald House.

The Concerns-U Toy drive is another way we are supporting local children in need. We collected seven large bags of new toys between November and December. At our most recent final touch assembly on December 5th we donated all the toys to the Concerns-U representative. They were extremely impressed by the amount of toys we donated. Many children in our local communities will enjoy a new toy during this holiday season as a result of our generous giving. I am proud of the support that our families give to others.

## December Important Dates

- 12/13 - BOE meeting - 7pm - Goff Middle School
- 12/15 - CHS students caroling at Bell Top (10:15)
- 12/19 - Grade 5 Concert at Columbia High School auditorium @ 7pm
- 12/21 - First day of winter
- 12/25/2017 - 1/1/2018 - Holiday Recess
- 1/1/18 - Happy New Year!

*I wish all of you joy and good health during the upcoming holiday season.*

