Good morning,

- **Kindergarten Placements** - yesterday was the day the district was planning to inform you of your child's school placement for full day kindergarten (don't forget to vote) for next year.
- **February 6th** – **100th Day of School for all and the 1,000th day of school for our 5th graders!**
- **1,000 Dime Challenge** – Gr. 5 is sponsoring a school wide challenge next week to collect 1,000 dimes (only). This challenge ties in to their 1000th day of school this week (ask your fifth grader to show you the math) and was inspired by the 1977 book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, a powerful story in which an ill girl aspires to make 1000 origami cranes so that, according to Japanese legend, she will be granted a wish. Money will be donated to a pediatric cancer charity in remembrance of Ava Doiron-Frankland, a member of this class who passed away from cancer in second grade. Get those change jars out!
- **February 7th - 7:00 PM Salem PAC center - is our SCHOOL DISTRICT DELIBERATIVE SESSION** - which is just important as our March voting day. The body in attendance deliberates on what is being proposed for the March ballot - which could also affect funding for full day K. This body can make changes with enough votes.. Please show up for this meeting, which is generally an hour in length. SHS students and staff offer babysitting at SHS.
- **Pasta Palooza** – Is Friday the 8th from 6-8 PM. We have reached our max capacity for this event, which benefits our 5th grade students for their “moving on” activities. Thanks to Shelby Blanchet for chairing this fun family event and to the Barbagallo’s for their generous donation of food. Our fifth grade students will help run this event and are looking forward to becoming waitstaff and hosts. There will be several raffles.
- **CALL IN ATTENDANCE PROGRAM** - The numbers of people forgetting to call in their absent or tardy children are increasing. This means that Mrs. Nartiff has make phone calls immediately to ensure that students are safe. With so many phones and numbers, this process can take quite a bit of time. If your child is out or going to be tardy PLEASE take the time to send an email or call them in ahead of time.
- **NAEP** – About 50 of our fourth graders have been selected randomly to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress in either reading or writing. It will be administered by an outside team of assessment specialists who do this in NH. It’s a one-shot deal taking about 90 minutes. We do not get school results, but will get the national results from all 4th graders selected across the country. We’ve participated several times during my time at NS, the last being about 4 years ago, I believe… Soule and Barron 4th graders were also selected this year.
- **Winter Gear** – It was surprising to see - on a snow delayed opening with normal winter temperature readings - students coming off busses with no boots on. I will again offer resources if the cost of boots and winter gear poses a family hardship. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE WEARING SNOWBOOTS . If they tell you the hot top is dry and they can stand there, that is rarely the case. Snow blows, ice forms, wet areas melt and freeze. Staff does the best they can, but they hot top areas still have some snow and ice areas.
- **Book Fair is happening all this week** - All students have the opportunity to buy new books. If cost poses a financial challenge please send me an email this weekend and your child can receive a coupon for up to $10.00 courtesy of our PTA for a book or two. There will be some books available for as little as $1.00. The book fair will be held during students’ regular weekly library times.
- **Bright & Quirky Online Summit** – Many of our staff have been watching video talks by leaders in the field of “2e” kids – a term used to describe bright students who also face learning, social, emotional and/or behavioral challenges. The talks are really geared towards parents and guardians, but the information is beneficial to all. These are free for this week, but a special pass can be purchased to access them all, as well as other good information. If you are interested go to [https://brightandquirky.com/summitreg/](https://brightandquirky.com/summitreg/) to check out the freebies this weekend.
- **This week we said goodbye to Mrs. Jendrick, recess assistant, who left us for health reasons. Ms. Jordan Blazak will be taking her place.**
- **A couple of shout outs to former Panthers** - On the Woodbury Facebook page you will find a 3 minute video featuring Connor W, who developed an app that records students' reading and allows them to self check and self correct. As a former reading specialist - I can't tell you how powerful this tool could be for students! Kudos to Ms. Halloran's Woodbury Cheer Team, who took first place in a state competition. Quite a few Panthers are on that team.
- **A huge shout out to SHS principal Tracy Collyer for her selection as NH Principal of the Year (Secondary Level)! She will go to Washington with the 49 other state winners this spring.**
- **A plug for SHS students' performance of the musical BYE, BYE BIRDIE. Several former Panthers are in the show, and many are in the orchestra pit! That will be happening next week at the PAC. Tickets can be purchased online.**

GO PATRIOTS !!!! (I’m already a nervous wreck!)

Janice