

January 8, 2009

Dear Families,

My first month as your child's principal has been truly enjoyable! I can assure you that your children are in the hands of a caring and dedicated staff that can't do enough to provide for them a positive elementary experience.

Your children returned from the holiday break energetic and full of enthusiasm! I am hopeful that it was because they love being here and not from too many holiday treats.

There is a quote that I came across recently, by Edward W. Howe that brought me back to when my own children were home for an extended period of time "If there were no schools to take the children away from home part of the time, the insane asylums would be filled with mothers."

Our teachers of third and fourth grade will be working to prepare your children for the upcoming state assessments to be held in April. Attendance is always a concern at this time of year with the inclement weather and flu season. We continue to ask that you keep your child home if they have a fever or flu like symptoms but that you make every effort to get them to school if they are not ill.

Should you find yourself home with your child for an extended period of time or are just looking for some fun family activities to fill the days, check out this web-site: www.familyfun.go.com. At this site you will find some great craft ideas for Valentine's Day as well as other activities that you and your child might enjoy.

There are several school and P.T.O. activities scheduled for the upcoming months. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for letters home regarding upcoming activities at each school!

For those of you who have come to know the Ide family you may know that they are going through a difficult time. David and Sandy Ide have given so much to our community over the years and have children who attend our district. The Wyoming County Courthouse is hosting a Benefit Soup and Bake Sale to help them in their time of need. If you can, please help give back to this amazing family by stopping by the soup and bake sale to be held on Wednesday, January 20th from 9 am until 2pm in the courthouse lobby. If you would like to contribute baked goods or soup please contact Tammy Goodwin at 570-996-2242.

I wish you and your family a year where hopes and dreams come true!

Sincerely,
Sue Bugno
Principal

