



Malden Public Schools

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Happy Holidays to our Ferryway Families!

Thank you for your generous **donation of canned goods** that were collected just before Thanksgiving for our Turkey Toss. Many cans were donated to the Bread of Life in Malden!

All students in grades 1-8 received their **report card** last week. Please make sure you discuss the report card with your child and set some goals for this next term. **Parent conferences** are **this Thursday** from **6-7:30 pm**. We hope you can make it!

As we are quickly approaching our winter break, please remember that students are expected to be in school through December 23rd. As I walk through classrooms, I see our students constantly learning and applying new information and our teachers are working very hard to prepare our students for their future. The winter break is a time to take a break from our normal routines to spend quality time with our family and friends.

As you know, last year students in grades 3-8 participated in the PARCC pilot for ELA and Math. Results from this test have been released from the state and should be coming home with your child later this month.

The District Attorney is coming to speak with students in grades 5-8 about Cyber Safety. In addition, please make sure you are monitoring **social media apps** and talking to your child about the consequences and implications of using them as a primary means of communications. Please ask your child and familiarize yourself with social media apps like **Instagram, Kick, Snap Chat, Oovoo, or text messages**.

Attendance Policy- Please make sure that you have reviewed it!

*We are monitoring excused and unexcused absences very carefully. **School attendance is essential** for a successful year.

Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **December 8** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library. We are looking for parent volunteers...we appreciate any and all help. Remember you put the P in PTO!!

Please join me at my next **"Parent Coffee"** session which is Friday, December 11 at 8:15. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gordon, Principal