



Malden Public Schools

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Dear Ferryway Families,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful vacation from school and was able to spend some additional quality time with family and friends.

Last month was busy with exciting notable events! We were invited to speak at the **Massachusetts School Breakfast Summit** at Gillette Stadium to talk about **Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC)**. The state has officially recognized us for significantly increasing student breakfast participation! We all know how important breakfast is to our students. In addition, thank you for participating in our **Family Literacy Gumball Contest**. **Grade 1** was our official winner with **430 gumballs!** Just before the vacation, **22 gumball students** were randomly selected for a "Pizza Party with Ms. Gordon" for their participation during this contest. Finally, the **District Attorney** spoke with our **middle school students** about **Cyber Safety**. Please talk with your child about social media and the impact on navigating the cyber world. Also, please remember to check your child's electronic devices randomly and often so you know what they are seeing!

This month, our **English Language Learners (ELLs)** will be taking the **ACCESS test** to determine progress towards English language proficiency and our **Middle School Students** will be taking their mid-terms! School attendance is important so students can take these exams!

There are several upcoming events that I hope you are able to attend. **January 22** is our first **Enrichment Showcase** where students will be sharing their learnings from their enrichment activities. **February 4th** is **Parent Conference night**. This is a great opportunity to gain additional information from the teachers about how your child is doing in school. I hope to see you there!

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.

The PTO is in need of parent volunteers! Please join us at the next **PTO meeting** which is **January 12** at 6:30 in the Ferryway library.

Please join me at my next **"Parent Coffee"** session which is Friday, January 15 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