**Principal’s Message:**

Dear Hemlock Families,

I hope you had a very restful week off and that you enjoyed some time with your loved ones. There are three important learning weeks to go before the two week winter break. I want to see our students here everyday healthy and warm. It sure is cold out there. Send your child to school with a nice warm sweater to coat on.

**Turkey Trot:** On Thursday, Nov. 18th our Annual Turkey Trot was held. Students and staff enjoyed a walk and/or jog along the wellness path. A raffle was held and the following students were the recipients of a Thanksgiving Turkey: Eva Ramirez, Gianna Thompson, Darinnay Allen, Chris Dietrich, Jimmy Rowton, Jose Ramirez. Congratulations!!

**Important Dates**

- **Dec 1**  Wed Assembly - ZUMBA
- **Dec 2**  Partners in Print  6:00-7:45 pm
- **Dec 8**  Wed Assembly- Character (primary) & Honor Roll (upper grades)
- **Dec 9**  School Board Meeting  7:00pm
- **Dec 15**  Holiday Assembly  
  - Gr K-3 @ 8:30-9:30
  - Gr 4-6 @ 9:40-10:50
- **Dec 17**  Minimum Day (12:35 dismissal)
- **December 20—31**  Winter Break
- **January 3**  School resumes

**School Board Meeting:** On Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 pm the School Board will continue discussion on the budget deficit as a result of the State's recent budget information. Declining enrollment and possible school closures will be discussed.

**Homework Club:** This club is for students who need extra help completing and understanding homework. It is a drop-in program and will be held in Room 10 from 2:35-3:45 Monday-Thursday and Wednesday from 1:05-2:05. The club will be supervised by Mrs. Hewitt. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Mrs. Hewett at the school for more information.

**PTA News:**

- **Wednesday, December 15:** Holiday Pajama Party, Brunch and Bingo in the MP Room. Primary grades will attend from 8:30-9:30 and upper grades from 9:40-10:50. Look for food assignment information in the PTA newsletter and from your teachers.
- Hemlock t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats are available now. Quantities are limited, get yours now!

**Partners in Print:** Join us on Thursday, December 2, from 6:00-7:45 pm for Partners in Print. Learn fun and easy ways to help your child learn to read. A representative from the Public Library will also be there to answer questions and discuss services they offer. Bring your children and enjoy a fun and informational evening together!

**Wednesday is Hemlock Spirit Day:** Show your school spirit by wearing red or your Hemlock Hawk shirt every Wednesday.