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Leslie C. Pearson, Principal

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Dear Parents,

Here's hoping that the arctic temperatures have warmed a bit, and the children will once again consistently enjoy an outdoor recess experience, where they can be physically active in a safe environment. Our policy is to have children play outdoors when temperatures (including wind chill) are above 20° F. It is important that children are dressed appropriately for the cold including coats, hats, gloves. I know how expensive these items are and would ask anyone who needs support to please contact Becky Miller. It is always a great idea to label items with your child's name in case they are accidentally misplaced.

I hope parents have found our "Parents as Reading Partners" program both informative and fun. We are looking forward to welcoming K and 1st grade parents on Feb. 13 at 9:15 am in the library. Your children will be excited to read with you in the classroom at 9:40 - 10:00, so please bring a favorite book to share.

An important informative evening will be on Feb. 6 at 7:00 pm when the PTA will host a discussion with the Fairfield Chief of Police, Chief MacNamara and the Fairfield School Safety Supervisor, Sgt. Eddie Weihe around school safety. We hope to see you there.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the children will have an early release day (dismissal at 1:40 pm) so that our teachers may participate in professional development. There will be another professional development day for teachers on Friday, Feb. 14. This means you will enjoy a 4 day weekend with your children, since schools are also closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day.

We look forward to welcoming the entire family to school on Wednesday, Feb. 12 for Family Math Night at 6:00 - 7:30 pm. A pizza dinner will be served and then everyone can participate in Math games.

The PTA has some other great events planned for February - including the Valentine's Family Dance on Feb. 7 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm and the Variety Show on Feb. 28 at 7:00 pm. So mark your calendars and enjoy warm times at McKinley no matter what the thermometer reads!

Best regards,
Leslie C. Pearson