



Dear Parents,

March 29, 2018

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of March. The fourth marking period will begin on April 3, 2018. The winter weather this school year was certainly something to remember. In the ten years I have been here in Knowlton, I do not recall having ten snow days. Just as a reminder due to the snow days our school calendar has changed to the following: School is in session Tuesday, April 3 - Friday April 6 and our last day of school will be on Thursday, June 21. The sixth grade promotion ceremony will be held the evening of June 21. The last three days of school will be early dismissals.

With Knowlton students and staff always doing great things, it's no surprise there are kudos to announce! Our kindergarten recently raised money for the Barnyard Sanctuary. This service project raised \$147.33 which will be used to offset costs for a pig enclosure. Thank you Mrs. Bickhardt, Mrs. Harer and the K-kids! Congratulations to Joseph R. as our school Spelling Bee winner who represented Knowlton in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Out of 26,000 students, Joseph progressed to the 45 student competition where he completed three rounds. The Yearbook Cover contest was held again this year and this year's cover will be a design by Mackenzie A. Covers designed by Mia M. and Kayla M. will be featured inside the yearbook. We are proud of all the student entries and their artistic talents!

In other news, Knowlton Township Elementary School has established a Green Team and is applying for certification through Sustainable Schools NJ. Our district Sustainability policy can be found on the school website. Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future. SSNJ is a nonprofit organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward schools as they pursue sustainability programs. Knowlton Township's Green Team includes Mrs. DeFalco, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Apgar, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Janeiro and Mrs. Kwasnik.

Congratulations to Ms. Maxman for securing a grant to implement a new program in fourth grade. Fourth grade students will have an opportunity to work with an exciting new math product called ExploreLearning Reflex. It is an online, game-

based program that helps students build fast and effortless recall of math facts. Research has shown that quick recall of math facts is critical for future success in mathematics. More advanced mathematical processes often require students to know a lot of math facts. So, it's important to master these basic facts before tackling more challenging problems.

Mark your calendars for the incoming 7th grade orientation night! It will be held **Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00** at North Warren Regional. Parents and students are welcome to attend this unique program where they can choose to learn about the programs that they are interested in and see the school building in a unique way.

Sincerely,

Jeannine DeFalco
Superintendent

