

November 20, 2016

Dear Silver Hill Families,

The rain held off, the sun is out, and it's time for the holiday season kick off! It's a bit blustery, so Ike the Reindog and I are carefully putting on our reindeer antlers so they won't blow away, and heading out for the Santa Parade! Thank you so much to CJ Judson, who donated the flatbed that was transformed into the Island of Misfit Toys. Special thanks to Kristina Morowski who organized the float decorating, and her merry group of elves who along with Kristina did an amazing decorating job! Below is information from Kristina if you plan to walk with us in the parade.

SUNDAY: OUR MEETING PLACE HAS CHANGED. We will be meeting at Hunking School rather than Academy Plaza. Please see the info below that was sent to me from the parade committee. We will need to be ready to move by 12:15pm so everyone who is walking with us should plan to arrive between 11:00am and 11:30am. I will be there at 10am along with our float and the amazing CJ Judson who has volunteered his trailer and his time to make all of this possible for us. Because there is little to no parking at Hunking School or along the parade route my suggestion is to find someone who can drop you and your child/ren off at Hunking School and can meet you at the of the parade route.

WHAT TO WEAR: If you and/or your child/ren have Silver Hill sweatshirts (or t-shirts, but I would dress in layers under both) please wear them if you would like. Otherwise, please feel free to wear red or green (or both). And please remember to dress for the weather. It can be a little chilly walking over the bridge. We will have elf hats for the kids, and some blue and white Santa hats. All hats belong to the school so they will need to be returned to me at the end of the parade.

All students accompanied by a parent/guardian are invited to participate so I hope lots of Silver Hill elves will join us in the parade to show the Silver Hill spirit! Be sure to visit our Facebook page later to see photos!!

Congratulations to Paul Corriveau, a member of our grade 4 team, who was nominated by Rebecca Colantuoni for the annual YMCA Educator of the Year. As Rebecca wrote in her nomination, *Being a teacher these days I think is one of the toughest jobs out there. With the ever changing curriculum, Mr. Corriveau makes it look easy. He is true motivator, cheerleader & supporter of all his students. Along with his fun spirit, likeability, big heart and sensitivity to the needs of others, he goes above and beyond, which in my mind, makes him the perfect choice for the YMCA's "Educator of the Year."* I couldn't agree more! Thank you, Mr. C for all

you do not only for your students, but for the entire Silver Hill community...you really do ROCK!

Wednesday will be an early release day starting at 11:15 for our Early Bird kindergartners and 11:30 for the rest of the students.

During this Thanksgiving season, I am thankful for all of the Silver Hill families and staff for their commitment and dedication to our children, and to those 580 children who make my job so rewarding. I always say, what other job could I possibly have where I'd get so many hugs a day?! Every day I am touched by acts of kindness throughout the school to make Silver Hill a joyful place to learn, and am truly blessed to be the leader of a school where everyone reaches out to take care of "our kids".

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

Margaret

Planning Ahead:

11-30 Open House for families applying to Silver Hill for 2017-2018- 5-7pm

12-7, 12-8, 12-9 – Book Fair

12-9 Report Cards go home

12-14 Parent Teacher Conferences 5-7pm

12-15 ROARS Assembly (Time TBD, this will be split with K-2, 3-5)

12-19 Winter Concert – 6:00 – Grades 2, 3, Combined Chorus, Band

12-23 Early Release – Happy Holidays!

1-3-17 We're back for a New Year!