Dear Silver Hill Families,

We have a very busy week ahead. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour tonight. Good news for the extra hour of sleep...bad news for the shorter days with less daylight!

There is no school this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, when we take the opportunity to honor everyone who has served their country in the armed forces; from our oldest generation of veterans who gave their all for the nation in WWII, to the most recent vets coming home from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan. These men and woman have sacrificed to protect our nation's freedom and values at home and abroad. A very special thank you to all of our veterans!

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Election Day, there will be no school for students. All staff will take part in a variety of professional development opportunities. I'm sure that I am not alone in looking forward to the campaigning ending soon. As I listen to all of the negativity in the campaigns, I am reminded that as we honor our veterans who sacrificed so much for what we value in our country, how important it becomes for us to teach our children that honesty, integrity, and just plain old-fashioned manners and kindness will ALWAYS serve us well. I saw this quote and wanted to share it with you. To me, this represents the values of good citizenship that are so important for us to teach our children.

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer their help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good. **This is how they'll change the world.** 

Best.

Margaret

## **Planning Ahead:**

- 11-14 PTO 6:00
- 11-15 Bingo for Books 6:00 (All grades)
- 11-19 Decorate Float for Santa Parade
- 11-20 Santa Parade
- 11-23 Early Release Thanksgiving
- 11-24 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11-30 Open House 5 7pm