# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK February 2017

#### **UP COMING FEBRUARY EVENTS**

6th: Lunch Bunch 11:30-12:30

6th: Pasta Sale Begins 7th: Open House 6:30-8:00

17th-20th: School Closed- Mid-Winter Break

22nd: Lunch Bunch

23rd: Teddy Bear Clinic for 3's



# **OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION KICK-OFF EVENT**

Please join us for our Open House/ Registration Kick-Off Event on February 7th. You may drop in any time between 6:30 and 8:00 to talk with the staff, socialize with other parents, and enjoy the facilities. We will be holding a College Financial Planning Seminar in room 7 starting at 6:30, you will have time to attend the seminar and still get to enjoy the rest of the Open House.

### 2017-2018 REGISTRATION

Registration forms for next school year will become available at the Open House on February 7th. Forms will also go home in backpacks later that date. If you have a friend or relative interested in registering for next year, let us know and we can include an extra form in your backpack.

#### **PASTA FUNDRAISER**

We will begin a pasta fundraiser on the 6th. As with all fundraisers, it is optional. The pasta comes in many shapes from Easter themed to sports teams for March Madness. There are soup kits and pasta salad kits as well, all with fun shaped pastas. The pasta is shelf stable for 18 months, so you may think ahead to summer activities or Fall/Winter holidays. We will have some samples to check out at the Open House- check them out.

#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

Our first Lunch Bunch was a huge success. The students enjoyed eating lunch with their friends. It was the first time for many that they have packed a lunch and tried to open their own thermoses and snack bags. We will continue to work on these skills at future Lunch Bunch gatherings. In addition, the students had a chance to engage in gross motor and fine motor skills as well as work on STEM skills by programming our Dash and Dot robots via the school iPads. Students enjoyed moving Dash around and making the robots make various sounds such a siren or mooing like a cow. Please remember that no peanut butter or nut products are allowed at Lunch Bunch.

## **TEDDY BEAR CLINIC**

We will be holding our annual Teddy Bear Clinic on the 23rd. We will be visited by the Cetronia Ambulance core who talk about 911 and allow the students to tour an ambulance. A Glitterbug program will focus on correct hand-washing techniques, and a pediatric dentist will talk about dental health. Students should bring a stuffed friend to examine in our clinic room. A Sign-up Genius will be sent out soon for volunteers to help on Teddy Bear Clinic Day.

#### **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES**

We will be having parties in each class to celebrate Valentine's Day. Students may bring a Valentine for each child. We will be sending home a list of the first names of the student's in each class this week. We encourage you to have your child try to sign his or her own name to the Valentine's.