Hello Pirate Parents!

We hope this finds you safe and well. We continue to be so proud of our Pirates! The lessons our teachers are creating and the work our students are producing both in-person and on the various technology platforms is awesome to see. We commend everyone's hard work and support as we see our Pirates growing academically, socially, and emotionally in these continued challenging times.

Thank you to all who attended Parent Teacher Conferences last week. We hope that you were able to gain some valuable insight into your child's progress and look forward to working together to continue to help them grow.

Please read from Cindy Rossi, Yearbook Chair:

1) ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW! Yearbooks are $20 each and orders are due by 4/18/2021. We can only guarantee yearbooks for anyone who pre-orders a copy. Go to ybpay.lifetouch.com and enter school ID 1873621. Please note that the PTO will be purchasing yearbooks for all 5th graders, you DO NOT need to order one for your 5th grader!

2) WE NEED PICTURES! We are celebrating the 80th day of school this year with "80's Day" on Monday January 25th and Tuesday January 26th. Please have your children dress in their awesome 80's outfits, take a picture, and send it to the yearbook at drrossi@aol.com.   Please include your child's name, grade and teacher.

3)MORE PICTURES! The first Friday of every month is Pirate Pride Day! Our next Pirate Pride Day will be Friday February 5th. Please take a picture of your child in their Pirate Pride gear and send it

to **drrossi@aol.com**. Again, please include your child's name, grade, and teacher.

4) AND 5th GRADE BABY PICTURES! 5th graders it's time to send in your baby pictures for the yearbook. We will be accepting pictures by email this year. Send to drrossi@aol.com, and please include your child's name and teacher.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy at drrossi@aol.com. Thank you!

There will be no afternoon instruction on Tuesday, January 26th, for Teacher Professional Development. The day will end for students at 1:30pm.

From our Technology Department:

Securly Classroom is a tool our teachers have access to that enables them to provide students with over-the-shoulder support. It allows the teacher a look into students' screens* so that they can guide, monitor, and communicate with students when class is in session and students are signed into their district-provided Google accounts. Teachers can push out links, bring students to specific sites as a group, and guide them on their screens if they are struggling. Students can raise their hand if they have a question with the click of an icon and ask questions in a chat with the teacher if they need one-on-one support.

The program is enabled on all district chromebooks and is also accessible on non-district Chromebooks, Windows and Mac computers during class time when a student is signed into his/her district Google login. As a notification to students and parents that

the program is in use, the district will be enabling a message box that will appear on the screen for students when a session is active.

*During a live session, the browser tab that a student has open is visible to teachers, as well as a listing of titles for other tabs. The teacher does not have access to the site or information on any other tabs and cannot navigate to those tabs; nor does the teacher have access to the computer's desktop, menus or other programs.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend with your family!

As always, thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction