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Dear Parents,

Some interesting news from Governor Lamont this afternoon. Connecticut is going to allow Screen and Stay in schools. We are not sure of all the particulars at this point, but it does go a long way towards keeping students in the classroom and not quarantining. It may be a small step, but I think it is a positive one! We will send more information when it is available.

Next Thursday is Veterans' Day. Students have brought home papers to fill out with the names of any Veterans in their families. Please include grandparents, aunts, uncles, parents. They will then transfer the names to stars, which will hang in the school so that everyone can see that Veterans are in our own families. It is a great way to learn about the importance of the day.

Thursday we will also have a White Table ceremony at St. Michael Church at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend, but we particularly extend this invitation to the veterans in our community. While, in the past, we have invited veterans into the school to speak to the students, this year we are going to forego that due to Covid restrictions. But we would like to see them at Church. Thursday is a half day, so students will be dismissed at 12:05. The after-school program will be closing at 3:00 that day due to the holiday.

I do have a couple of housekeeping items. When emailing the school to report an absence, please be sure to include Mrs. Lawrence on the email. Just emailing a teacher does not ensure that the information gets to Mrs. Lawrence. And, of course, now that we are going to move towards Screen and Stay, it is even more important that we monitor our children for symptoms, and keep them home when they do not feel well.

On the same note, the temperature is getting lower. Please make sure that your children have warm coats, hats and gloves. We will continue to get students outside as much as possible so that they can take a break from masks.

Thank you for your continued diligence in working with us to keep everyone healthy. Tomorrow is our Friday half day for professional development. Dismissal will be at 12:05. Monday there is no school for Teachers' Institute, so enjoy the long weekend, but don't forget the 5K on Saturday!

God Bless,

Mrs. Messina

