



December 21, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

Happy Winter Solstice! I hope you and your family are remaining safe and healthy and enjoying the snowy outdoors around us. Thank you for “weathering” these busy days of teaching and learning with us in 2020. Here are a few updates to share with you:



BCSD Music Teachers Bring Us Holiday Spirit (From Mr. Matt Vanacoro, BCSD Performing Arts Coordinator): The BCSD Performing Arts teachers district-wide were planning on giving some short holiday performances at our various schools on Wednesday. Unfortunately, it looks like that plan will be another casualty of Covid this year. However, as Herb Brooks said, “Great moments are born of great opportunity!” I am extremely proud to present our first ever virtual faculty symphonic orchestra performance. Please enjoy Leroy Anderson’s “Sleigh Ride” as performed by the BCSD Performing arts teachers. We have so much representation from elementary to high school teachers, and it’s a great reminder that our music teachers are not only excellent educators, but truly gifted performers. Here is the video:

<https://youtu.be/fpgkkjno9ul>

Wednesday, December 23rd - SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY: On Wednesday, December 23rd, we will celebrate our PRES school spirit remotely! All staff, parents, and students are invited to wear their **PRES colors: green and white!** If you ordered new PRES merchandise from the PTA, it should be arriving prior to Wednesday.

Making an Instructional Model Change: As you know, you are allowed to request a change to your child’s instructional model. Please follow the [BCSD timeline for instructional model change](#) to request a change by the designated deadline for each instructional period. Please make sure to make any formal requests for an instructional model change for your child in writing to the principal.

Staying Safe: We know that the upcoming holiday vacation may bring opportunities for families to get together in small gatherings, possibly travel and, unfortunately, COVID-19 is still looming large. In Dr. Adelberg’s holiday message to the BCSD community, he referenced a helpful document from Westchester County: [The COVID-19 Pandemic Is Not Over](#). I invite you to review this memo carefully as we continue to work together to keep our community healthy and safe.

Principal Update: As you know, from Dr. Adelberg’s communication, I will be sticking around a little longer! I look forward to continuing to serve as your building principal at the start of the new year, as I also begin to transition to my new role as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. I look forward to “seeing” you in the new year. In the coming weeks, more information will be shared about the search for the next principal and how you can be involved in that process.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Amy Fishkin