## **Dedham Middle School**

## OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear DMS Families,

How was your February vacation week? Whether you traveled with the family or stayed close to home, I hope the week provided you some rest and lots of smiles.

Here's what's going on this week:

- **Chromebook Charging:** After my last reminder before vacation, we went from 20 students arriving without charged chromebooks to only 1 the following day! Unfortunately, it seemed many students were out of routine this morning and once again, we had a large number of students that arrived with uncharged devices. Please remind your student to be in the habit of charging their chromebook each night!
- **Early Release:** As a reminder, we have an early release planned for this Thursday. We will dismiss at 11:35 am. Of course grab and go lunches will be available for all students!
- Morning Drop Off: You may have noticed Officer Jenkins and I on Whiting Avenue during morning drop off. We observed and spoke with many parents dropping off their children directly on Whiting Avenue (which causes traffic back ups) and on Abbott Street (which does not have a crosswalk to Whiting). As a reminder, enter the parent drop off loop via East Street, proceed behind the building, and take a right into the loop. This is the safest way to start the day!
- **Community Flyers:** Click <u>here</u> for information on upcoming events around the district! I'd like to highlight the Dedham High arts exhibition starting on March 6th.
- Questions of the week:
  - o **Grade 6:** Why did the Egyptians mummify people?
  - o **Grade 7:** Think about what you have for dinner. What comes from plants, animals, or other? What is different about maple syrup and maple water?
  - o **Grade 8:** How do you use the graph of a line to write an equation in slope-intercept form?

We've got some winter weather ahead...stay safe out there!

With gratitude,

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