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NEWSLETTER
McGlynn Middle School, Medford, MA

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Greetings MMS Community,

I hope that this letter finds everyone healthy and rested as we enter the New Year. As always, there are many important and exciting things happening in our middle school community (please see our calendar). Grades for the second term will close on 1/27. Please remind students to put forth their best effort, especially in classes where the recent progress report indicated room for improvement. As always, we are here to support and assist you in any way.

On January 9th, the School Committee is scheduled to vote on the technology upgrade and improvement plan. I want to thank all of the parents and community members who spoke in support of the plan at the last school committee meeting. This is such an important decision for the children of Medford and the future of our community. Our students and teachers deserve the technology tools that meet contemporary standards, ensuring that our kids have the same opportunities as others to compete in a rapidly changing global society.

The McGlynn Middle School Site Council met last month to discuss possible goals for this year's school improvement plan. Over the past few months, our faculty has created a deeper sense of collaboration based on the concept of Professional Learning Communities. I put together a formal training on our last professional development day in November and created a schedule that includes time for staff to collaborate in curriculum teams on a weekly basis. The theme of these meetings is to focus on what students are learning rather than what we are teaching. A next step will be to expand this collaboration to include teachers from both the Andrews and McGlynn middle schools. Other goals include parent-teacher communication through technology, improved communication for the 5th-6th grade transition and improved efforts to utilize community resources such as Tufts University. Our next meeting is on 2/6 at 7pm.

Lastly, MCAS dates are March 20 – April 4 for ELA and May 7-22 for Math/Science. I will have a more detailed schedule by grade posted on this site very soon.

Once again, happy New Year!

MMS Principal, Jake Edwards