



Taunton Forge School
Future Leaders Begin Here

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Taunton Forge School family, I wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season was full of family, fun, and rest.

January's core value will be "integrity". We teach the children that integrity means doing the right thing...even when nobody is watching. As you know, our students tend to do what we do, not what we say. Knowing this, we are presented with a great opportunity in our everyday lives to model integrity for our children in all types of situations.

Thank you to all of our Taunton Forge families for your generous donations and coordination efforts for our Holton's Heroes toy donation program and for your donations of supplies to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. You have enabled families and animals to have a brighter holiday season. As a Taunton Forge family, working together, we really can make a positive difference. We are grateful for all of your help!

I want to remind all parents that if you have a child that will be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2018, he/she will be eligible for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten Class. In order to begin the registration process, please go to our district web site at www.medford.k12.nj.us. Across the top of the home page, click on the "District Information" tab. Then, select "Kindergarten and Pre-School Registration." After that, click on the link for "Kindergarten Registration Information" where you will find registration instructions. Additionally, complete the form on the link titled "Kindergarten Enrollment Survey Form." **On Wednesday, January 17, 2018, starting at 6:15 to 8:15 PM at the Kirby's Mill Elementary School, 151 Hartford Road,** the district will be hosting a Parent Informational Night for parents of incoming 2018 Kindergarteners. The program will focus on social and academic expectations for students and provide parent resources/activities to build kindergarten readiness. Parents will have the opportunity to experience the kindergarten classroom and participate in a question and answer session. Spread the word to friends and neighbors who might not yet have children in our schools! The snow date, if needed, will be January 25.

Our Fourth Grade Chorus put on a wonderful performance for their classmates during the school day and family members in the evening. As always, Mr. Johnson enabled the students to have fun and learn valuable musical concepts. Thank you for attending the concert. Congratulations to Mr. Johnson and our chorus members! Additionally, I would like to acknowledge 5th grade band members and their teacher, Mr. Bell. They provided live instrumental music during our lunches the week before the Winter Break. They sounded great!

Wednesday, January 10, is a two hour delayed opening for teacher training. Students will be picked up two hours later than their usual morning bus pick up time. Lunch will be served as usual and the school day ends at its normally scheduled time. Please also remember to send your child to school with a coat or jacket every day. We go outside for lunch recess on most days as long as the wind chill temperature is not dangerously low. It's important for our students to get fresh air and move around to keep their bodies and minds sharp. Your help in this regard is much appreciated!

Please see the attached dental health flyer for any of those families with children in need of dental care. Questions can be directed to our School Nurse, Mrs. Chinn. Also, see the attached reminder instructions to access the Pearson web site for our Envisions Math program. This site can be very valuable when doing math homework and for keeping on top of what your child is learning in math class.

We look forward to a solid block of instruction from now until the Spring Break. Should you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please call me at 609-654-6723, extension 5445 or e-mail me at rlacovara@medford.k12.nj.us. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Rich Lacovara
Principal