



Dear Parents,

January 2019

It is hard to believe that the calendar has flipped to 2019! Where does the time go? This week our Board of Education held its reorganization meeting where our newly elected board members are seated. We say goodbye and thank you to Mrs. Kate McGuinness and Mrs. Dawn Sullivan for their dedication and support of Knowlton Elementary School. Welcome to Ms. Ali Stiehl and Mr. Matthew Baley, our newest members. We appreciate your willingness to serve and give back.

Our fifth and sixth grade English Language Arts teachers are engaging in meaningful articulation with teachers from all of the cluster schools. They are working together to build professional and cooperative relationships between the cluster districts. This collaboration will also allow participants to gain insight and understanding of the strengths and challenges within each district. The goal of developing a common assessment tool for ELA which collects multiple measures of student achievement is important to all participants. Thank you to Ms. Maxman and Mrs. Baker for representing Knowlton on this committee.

We are so proud of the work our staff and students do on a daily basis both inside and outside of the classroom. Many teachers participate in grant writing and many are seeing success! Mrs. Plunkett and Mrs. Reber were awarded with a FirstEnergy STEM grant and Ms. Maxman was awarded a State House Express grant for field trip busing. The Knowlton Township Elementary School Green Team continues to work on Sustainable NJ actions inside and outside of the building. The Green Team committee consists of Mrs. DeFalco, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Apgar, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Janeiro and Mrs. Toth. The Just Say No Club, advised by Mrs. Harer partnered again with the Lehigh Valley Hospital for a book drive recently which will help replenish books in pediatric waiting rooms at the hospital. Boxes of books are set to be delivered to the hospital by the end of this week.

Chess Club will run again this year during recess and Mrs. Reber and Mr. Ferry will serve as advisors. The club is expected to run January through March during recess periods offering different levels of learning each month. January sessions are designed for anyone interested in learning about chess and looking to engage in something new.

Congratulations to Mrs. Allison Bickhardt and Mrs. Christina Ippolito who have been selected as our Educators of the Year! Both of these individuals inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, serve as exceptionally skilled and dedicated educators, express themselves in an engaging and articulate way, play an active role in the community as well as the school, demonstrate leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom and have the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators and colleagues.

Did you know?

- Knowlton Township School District is participating in the NJ Clean Energy Direct Install Program for LED lighting and the project is almost complete. LED's are extremely energy efficient and consume up to 90% less power than incandescent bulbs.
- Beginning January 10th, we will have yogurt parfaits available as a breakfast option on Thursdays. Yum! Breakfast is an important part of everyone's day. All students are welcome to visit the main office to get breakfast as a part of the School Breakfast Program. Cost is \$1.50. For those who qualify for reduced price lunch, the cost is .30 cents. Eligible free lunch students are also entitled to a free breakfast.
- There's a KTES Winter Activity Challenge going on now! Get up and get the family moving! In this week's Knowlton News, there is a chart where students can write down all the different physical activities they participate in. Be creative and have fun.
- We are on Instagram and Twitter--Weather updates, pictures and events are featured on there. For IG, just search knowltonknights and you will find us! For Twitter, search for Knowlton Knights.

Sincerely,



Jeannine DeFalco
Superintendent