



Dear Parents,

January 2020

2020 has arrived and we are ready to accomplish more great things between now and the end of this school year. This week our Board of Education held its' reorganization meeting. Dawn Bates, Rhonda Moritz and Tammy Smith were re-elected and will continue to serve for three more years. We appreciate all of our board member's willingness to serve and give back.

Maintaining a safe learning environment for the children of Knowlton Township Elementary remains a top priority of our Board of Education. Recently, a safety strobe light was installed at our school as part of the district's ongoing commitment to school safety. The strobe light acts as an integrated emergency communication system. In the event of an emergency, the strobe light is activated, serving the dual purpose of alerting law enforcement personnel of the situation while communicating to any students, staff and parents who are outside the building to stay away and to not attempt to enter the building.

We are so proud of the work our staff and students do on a daily basis both inside and outside of the classroom. Our Knowlton Debate team, headed by Mrs. Reber, competed in December and our affirmative team brought back the bronze medal. Congratulations to Isabel, Joey, Jocelyn and Emily. Mrs. Acker, our school nurse, applied to the Lysol® and Kinsa FLUency™ school health program through the WeAreTeachers contest and we were selected as a runner-up. Thank you to all the families who registered for the Kinsa app and we hope you are enjoying your new thermometers. Our Early Act Club, Ms. Maxman and Ms. Hollmann, our school counselor worked tirelessly to provide holiday cheer to many community families. Thank you to all who assisted our organizers with this. The Knowlton Township Elementary School Green Team continues to work on Sustainable NJ actions inside and outside of the building. This Spring be sure to look for updates on our greenhouse and rain barrel. Knowlton Township Elementary School has received bronze certification, valid 2019-2022. The Green Team committee consists of Mrs. DeFalco, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Apgar, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Janeiro and Mrs. Plunkett.



Chess Club has started again this year during recess and the advisors are as excited as the students! Mrs. Reber and Mr. Ferry will serve as advisors. The club is expected to run January and February 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. There are currently seventeen students signed up for the learning sessions. The tournament club will start in February through a separate sign up to prepare for the county wide tournament in the beginning of March.

As the weather gets colder, we will have to make the daily determination on whether students should go outside for recess. Fresh air is important for our students and we want them to be able to go outside as much as possible. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the weather. A jacket and long pants are required when the temperature is below 40 degrees. Indoor recess will be held in classrooms when we cannot go outside. Thank you for your help with this!

Did you know?

- Knowlton Township School District partnered with St. Jude's to provide Christmas gifts to 30 community children.
- Just Say No Club collected approximately 100 toys for the Season of Hope Toy Drive in conjunction with Project Self Sufficiency. Thank you to all our donors.
- Knowlton Township staff donated over _____ slippers, gloves and hats for women and children to the Women's Shelter.
- Sixth graders will begin LEAD sessions next week with Trooper Madia.
- Knowlton Township SAGE students will compete in Legos on the Loose at the end of January.
- 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.

Your partner in education,

Jeannine DeFalco
Superintendent