Dear Schmidt Families,

Happy Holidays Season! I hope the upcoming holidays bring you joy, peace, and happiness.

I am so excited to share with you that we have an assistant principal! Many of you know that we have been without an assistant principal since before the start of this school year. It is with great pleasure that I introduce Ms. Sara Balzer to Schmidt as the new AP. Ms. Balzer comes to from Pizzo Elementary. Over the past few days, she has spent a great deal of time getting to know the students and staff. She will work closely with me in leading all aspects of our school.

Testing:

During the month of December our students will be participating in State testing for reading and math. A letter was sent home and teachers will continue to send out reminders when their class is getting ready to test. This Progress Monitoring Test (PM) is important. WE are hopeful to see growth from the beginning of the school year.

PTA is hosting a Holiday Shop for our students. This provides an opportunity for students to shop for small gifts for family members or for themselves. This is a cash only event. Items range from $.50 to $10.00. Most items are under $5.00. There is no tax. All items are a fixed price. A flyer was sent home on Friday and is attached. It is best that you review the flyer with your child and send in the amount of money you think is appropriate for your child to spend. Here is shopping calendar:

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<td>December 15</td>
<td>Family Engagement Night: Holiday BINGO! Families must RSVP to attend. Space is limited. This is a free &amp; fun night playing BINGO, enjoying holiday music, prizes, and more.</td>
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<td>December 18</td>
<td>THIS IS A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL. Dismissal is at 1:55pm. We are also expecting our PTA Fundraiser items from the cookie dough sales. Once items arrive at school, we will contact families.</td>
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<td>December 22</td>
<td>Last day of school before Winter Break. This is also the last day of the second grading period.</td>
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<td>January 8</td>
<td>Students and staff return from Winter Break. This is an early Release</td>
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From all the staff at Schmidt, we wish all our Sailor families a happy & healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lippek, Principal

Strive to arrive by 7:35
Join us for our Holiday Bingo Night
Friday December 15th
5:00-6:30 p.m.

Santa will be joining us as well for pictures!

Flyers were sent home, so if you haven’t done so, please fill out your RSVP and send it in ASAP.

IMPORTANT INFO
Have you recently moved, changed your phone number/email? If so, please contact the office so we can update information on your student’s emergency card. You may email us at:
Kathiejo.gavin@hcps.net or kayla.dupuis-kerrick@hcps.net

VISITOR PROCEDURES
Please note at this time there will be no visitor’s allowed on campus due to COVID. This is for the safety of all students and staff. We appreciate your help with this, and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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