



Dear Baltic Families,

We hope that everyone had a Happy and Healthy Holiday season, and is excited to get back to school for the third quarter of the school year. At the start of the year we set out to reduce the number of days missed by students and we have had an incredible response. We have reduced our absences by **38%** for the first half of the year. Thank you to the parents and students for making this giant leap. As we move into the second half of the year we encourage families to make travel plans relatively around our scheduled breaks.

Thank you to our PTO for putting together Santa's Secret Shop. This is always a special event for our students and our PTO does an amazing job decorating and purchasing items for the kids to choose from. Our next PTO meeting is on January 8th at 7:00 in the library. All are welcome to come and be a part of this amazing group.

Many classrooms are preparing for the second round of IReady diagnostic testing. Each year we administer three diagnostic tests in Reading and Math to monitor student progress which helps our teachers make adjustments to optimize learning. We will take our final diagnostic tests in May. Please be on the lookout for your student's diagnostic report from their teacher in the coming weeks.

It's the time of year when we order yearbooks. The deadline for placing an order is April 5th. Lifetouch has set it up again this year for **online ordering only**. If you do not have internet access to place an order and would like to order a yearbook, contact Amber in the office. The cost is \$17.00. The website is ybpay.com and our school code is 14354324, and you can also access the site by the QR code at the bottom of the letter.

The Pre School at Baltic Elementary which is operated by the County ESC, has opened registration for next year. You can find information at www.garaway.org.

In the month of January, we will be focusing on the word Courteous from our CARE acronym. Staff will be on the lookout for students being courteous to one another. Students will get an entry into our monthly drawing for a Garaway shirt. Thank you for all your support.

Yours in Education,



Sedric Gerber
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

- Jan 8th PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 15 No School MLK Day
- Feb 19 No School Presidents Day
- April 1-5 Spring Break

December Students of the Month

K - Daniel Hershberger

1st - Alyna Snyder

2nd - Dominic Lampley

3rd - Jayden Miller

4th - Autumn Miller

5th - Jace Hawley

6th - Aaron Miller