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From the Principal's desk

Dear Byrd Families,

It has been a busy fall here at Byrd School. Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Elk Grove Food Drive. We were able to donate several boxes full of food for a worthy cause. Again, thanks to your generosity, we were also able to donate 760 pairs of socks to four different homeless shelters as part of our "Socktober" drive. In November, the Chimes, iDVD and Sports Club began meeting, and the students seem very excited to participate. We will begin a Coding Club soon and GOTR (Girls On The Run) will return in the spring, so please look for information about these two clubs in the coming soon. We also enjoyed seeing families at both our Title I Parent Advisory Literacy Night and Fall Fest.

Winter officially begins in a couple of weeks, but the cold weather has already arrived. The children play outdoors if the temperature is 10 degrees or above taking the wind chill into account. Please send your child prepared for the weather conditions each day. Students not wearing any outerwear on cold days will be put at the quiet table. If a student is wearing outerwear that does not appear warm enough for the current temperature, the child will be sent to the nurse. The nurse will call a parent for verbal consent to allow the child to go out dressed as they are.

Nurse Dewbray would greatly appreciate clothing donations for the health office. We are in need of medium and large pants (preferably sweat pants with elastic waists). It helps to have these on hand when students need them during the school day. Also, if you received a letter indicating that your child failed the vision and or hearing screening in November, please follow up with your doctor and return the exam form to the school health office as soon as possible.

The Byrd Facebook page was launched near the end of October. We hope you have visited and liked our page. When a newsletter has been posted to the Byrd website, we will announce it on Facebook. Beginning in January, we will no longer send home a paper copy of the newsletter unless you call the office (847-593-4388) by December 12 and request continued paper copies because you do not have internet access.

The calendar on the Byrd website will reflect the most current information about school events, dates and times. Please note that we will dismiss at 2:50 on Friday, December 19. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015. Please plan on attending a special parent evening with Julie Adams, an educational leader whose expertise includes 21st Century skills, effective instructional practices, and creating conditions for learning, on Wednesday, January 7 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Friendship Junior High Auditorium. Ms. Adams is a very entertaining and informative speaker who will discuss "*Ten Things Parents Can Do to Increase Their Child's Happiness, Confidence, and Achievement*".

We wish all of you a joyous holiday season and all the best in the New Year.

Happy holidays,
Mary Ellen Esser,
Principal