The Power of December

Last month I talked about the power of Twitter. The power of December is as unique in its own sense. The hustle and bustle of the month makes for many great memories as well as exhausting moments, but hopefully more great memories! Buying the perfect presents for family and friends, coupled with holiday baking and evenings sprinkled with extra social events such as office parties and school concerts - December can be a flurry of activities and leave us longing for a quiet evening at home! Although December is known for being joyous, the month can be melancholy and filled with lots of emotions, especially for those with family members who cannot make it home for the holidays or perhaps missing loved ones that have passed on. It is important to slow down, take time for yourself and your family to simply recharge, enjoy the season and reflect on all the blessings the year has brought.

Did you say J-Term??

New Year, New Experiences! What a way to kick off 2019! I am very excited for the MS/HS teachers and students for a brand new adventure when we get back from Winter Break. J-Term. The “J” is for January and we are having a small ‘term’ with new classes for seven school days, January 3rd through the 11th. Mr. Stone and his leadership team of teachers have put together a new daily schedule and have added several interesting classes. The intent is to teach a very different style of class in a very different way. More time on one topic during a condensed timeline. Classes include Aquatic Science, Virtual Field Trip through South America, Research on the 1982 football state champs, a leadership course and many other interesting curricular endeavors. Getting everyone outside of their ‘normal’ box of class schedules, curriculum, and pace – I think this will be a huge hit for the Lone Tree students!

Well Wishes

Impressed does not even begin to express how I have felt about our students and staff this month and all of the work they have done to make it special! Amidst preparing for the final exam week, our teachers and students have taken the time to decorate their doors, enjoy holiday parties in the elementary, celebrate National Happiness Week, attend the staff Christmas party, participate in the staff Secret Santa exchange and present two fabulous K-12 winter concerts! It is testimony to how dedicated the entire staff and students of Lone Tree are and the wonderful culture they continue to create! I am thankful to be part of Lone Tree and wish you and yours the Happiest of Holidays. Enjoy the break and we will see you in 2019!

Ken Crawford, Superintendent