Happy New Year and Welcome Back to school!

We start tomorrow, as scheduled, and are looking forward to seeing your children after so long of a break. We hope it has been a wonderful family time for you.

As we get going, I want to remind you/make you aware of a few things.

- We will not be providing hot lunch this week. We are working with the county to update some procedures and will be back to providing hot lunch soon. I will let you know when our hot lunch program is back.
- Thursday, January 11th, is a very important Parents Night (sponsored by our Olweus Committee). At 6:30 pm, in our gym building, Los Altos Police School Resource Officer Ryan Langone will be back to share with you critical information about the Internet and your children. You won't want to miss this. Also, at that meeting, I will have a sign-up list for parents who are interested in setting up carpooling with other families who live near you. A number of parents have mentioned that this would be of interest to them.
- January 15th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day; there will be no school that day.
- January 17th is our upper grades (gr. 4-8) Winter Concert. We will start at 7 pm in the gym so come early and support our students.
- January 18th is our annual Visitors Day. Students who will be in grades K through 5th will sit in on classes that morning. Please send the office the names and contact info of families that you know that could be invited to come. We appreciate your tremendous support.
- January 19th is the end of the 2nd quarter. Please encourage your child to finish the quarter strong.
- January 26th we have a college, led by Patti Chan, to provide a free dental screening for children from preschool through 5th grade. This is entirely optional and will need your permission; we will be sending permission slips with this week's Mainspring.
- Our next Education Sabbath will be February 3rd at the East Palo Alto SDA Church. Please watch for information from your child's classroom newsletter.
- Please remember that we have a long weekend in February. Children will be out of school starting Wednesday, February 7th; school will resume on Monday, January 12th.

A lot to take in, for sure.

One more thing of note - we are grateful for the opportunity to educate your children. They are very precious to us and are on hearts and in our prayers daily.

God bless you all.

Yours truly,

Rick Maloon,

Principal