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## Principal's Message

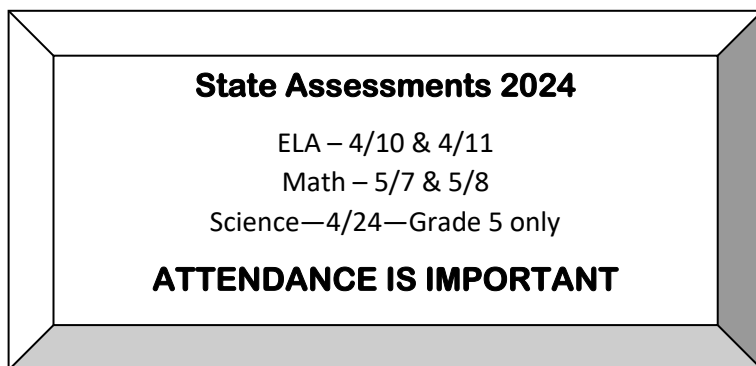
Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is already February! An attendance letter was sent home with tips to come to school when your child is not sick. The state guideline states more than 10% is excessive. That equates to more than 18 days means your child is missing quality instruction. When they are not in school, children get behind and tend to dislike school because they can't catch up with their work. *Phone calls will be made to those with excessive absences and possibly a home visit.*

The Session 2 After School Academic Intervention Service (AIS) will begin on 2-26-24 and run through 5-16-24. **K-2** meets on Mondays and Tuesdays. **Grades 3, 5, and 6** meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. **Grade 4** meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm. Parents will need to pick up promptly at 4:30 p.m. The first session was a huge success with students growing in both ELA and Math on their assessments. Invitations were sent home via backpack. **Please return if you are declining so we can invite another student.**

Beginning in April will be our State Assessments. Please see the chart below. The assessments are only two days and are completed in the morning. It's a method to obtain data. The results do not go on your child's report card or cumulative file. The data is for the teachers to analyze. ***It is very important that our students take the assessment, so we can obtain the data to determine which standards our students are strong or weak in to adjust our lesson plans accordingly.***

Mrs.  
Hasbrouck



### State Assessments 2024

ELA – 4/10 & 4/11

Math – 5/7 & 5/8

Science—4/24—Grade 5 only

**ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT**

## Cubby Corner

- ◆ 2/1 – Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) begins
- ◆ 2/2 – Wear Pink or Red for Heart Health Awareness
- ◆ 2/9 – Valentine's Grams Order Forms Due
- ◆ 2/21 – BOE Meeting - Leptondale Elem @7:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2/19 – No School - Presidents Day
- ◆ 2/22 — Build a Cubby PTA event
- ◆ 2/29 – PARP ends



**EARLY DISMISSAL PLAN:** In the event of a significant change in dismissal time due to weather or any unexpected problem, School Messenger, our emergency notification calling system, will be put in place. **AS ALWAYS, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE RADIO AND HAVE YOUR OWN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR ARRIVING HOME EARLY.**

WALL	1340 AM	WEOK	1390 AM	WRRV	92.7 FM
WCZX	97.7 FM	WGHQ	920 AM	WPDH	101.5 FM
WGNY	1220 AM	WRWD	107.3 FM	WKNY	1490 AM
WBWZ	93.3 FM	WJGK	103.1 FM		

## PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

### Kindness Counts!

Here at Plattekill Elementary we have been focusing a lot on kindness. Our PNN News Broadcasts and our Morning Announcements incorporate many ways in which kindness can be spread throughout our school, in our homes, and in our community. "No small act of kindness is ever wasted." Here are some of the upcoming spirit days we will be celebrating:

- February 12th—Kindness Bingo Board
- February 13th—Thank a School Employee
- February 14th—Wear Pink or Red
- February 15th—Kindness letters to a friend
- February 16th—Give a special shout out to a friend



There are many ways to show that you care! Always remember to spread kindness like confetti!

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### February PTA News

**Pick A Reading Partner (PARP)** program is here! *Can your child read at least 20 out of 28 days this month?* This annual reading program runs throughout the month of February. Please submit your contract/calendar by 3/1/2024 and your child will be entered into a raffle to win a Family Game Night basket.

**Build-A-Cubby** is a new event we are offering on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students who have signed up to participate in this event will either attend in person to create their Cubby stuffed animal or will have the kit sent home as indicated on the RSVP sheets. Cubby kits are \$15 and include an 8" no sew Cubby, stuffing, heart, Panthers t-shirt and birth certificate. We are looking forward to this being a great night.

**Valentine's Day Grams** order forms were sent home recently and grams will be delivered to students, teachers and staff on Wednesday, February 14th. Grams are \$1 each, with your choice of a Hershey Bar, Starburst, friendship bracelet, Smickers (scented stickers) or a Smencil.

### Looking ahead:

- 2/1 PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) Begins
- 2/9 Valentine's Grams Order Forms Due
- 2/22 Build-A-Cubby event (snow date 2/29)
- 2/29 PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) Ends
- 3/12 PTA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in the Plattekill Cafeteria