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Dear Parents:

It would be easy to focus on all of the negative things we have endured the past nine months but we also have a lot to be thankful for and should spend more of our time sharing and celebrating these accomplishments. As an example, a developing reader left my office this morning after reading out of their book, very proud of the improvement they have made with their reading since starting school in September. For that student, the excitement and joy they exhibited demonstrates the true value of good teaching and learning.

Too often, the focus is on the negative which only serves to divide us and limit our ability to reach our potential, individually and collectively. We are fortunate and everyone should be proud of the work EVERYONE has put in at Stratton School. Parents, students and staff have worked together to keep us in school five days a week, much longer than many predicted. Despite the inconvenience of masks, social distancing and other pandemic requirements, there has been a positive, supportive environment for students to learn.

This has not been easy for anyone. The social-emotional challenges we have faced in school, at work and in our homes have taken their toll. As a staff, we too have our moments of frustration and disagreements with personal and professional perspectives. As an optimistic person, however, I will go out on holiday break knowing that we all have done good work. Our time away from school should include recreational activities, spending time with our families, and even a good nap. Please take time to re-charge the batteries so we can continue to provide a high-quality educational experience here at Stratton School.

Enjoy the Holidays, and have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Barry_\O.\

Barry O. London Principal/Assistant Superintendent



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