

December 2019

Dear LES Families:

I hope you enjoyed a joyous Thanksgiving holiday with your children and family. It's hard to believe that December is already here with its rainy damp winds, fluctuating temperatures and shortened days. The holidays are upon us and it happened so quickly this year.

We have completed our fall parent teacher conferences and I am confident in knowing that you have received a comprehensive update on your child's progress from his/her teacher. It warms my heart to know that your children continue to come to school with smiles on their faces and hope for the future in their hearts. They continue to develop a positive growth mindset as they take risks, celebrate failure and work with greater degrees of grit in order to achieve the many varied goals that they have set for themselves as well as those that have been developed in collaboration with their teachers and you, their parents.

LES continues to symbolize our never-ending commitment to be kind, caring individuals. We celebrate kindness and gratitude each day. Our *Wall of Gratitude* is filled with STARS created by your children to show appreciation to our staff. It delights all those who walk past. Our Acts of Kindness tree is filling up with pictures of children who were caught being kind to someone. The Lawrence Teachers Association sponsored many families during the holidays to make sure that there are gifts for our needy families.

We had a busy December. All of our fourth and fifth graders traveled to New York City's Madison Square Garden to see the Cirque de Soleil Holiday Show, partially funded by our LES PTA. Many of our families enjoyed the standing room only fifth grade concert performance extraordinaire in our beautifully renovated auditorium. Our classes shopped at the Holiday Boutique. Today our PTA sponsored assembly, The Brain Show, comes to LES to the delight of staff and students. Be on the lookout for our LES Got Talent Show coming in January. Don't forget to check the website for pictures of all of our events.

May the New Year be filled with peace, health and happiness for you and your family.

Yours truly,

Rina Beach