


**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

With the start of a new year, here is a quote to remember:  
"January 1, 2018 is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one!" Brad Paisley



Wishing everyone a safe and healthy new year,

  
Donna Cullen



**ATTENTION PARENTS**



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> IS A 3 1/2 HOUR DAY!**

School Hours: Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5 8:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

- January 2 School Reopens, Welcome Back!
- January 3 PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m, Community Room
- January 15 **Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day - No School**
- January 17 Second Marking Period Ends, Grades 1-5
- January 19 Japanese New Year Party, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6 - 8 p.m.
- January 31 Leader of the Month Reception, 10:00 a.m.



**PARENT REMINDER**

**Maloney Food Rules for Celebrations**

Teachers may have one food celebration per marking period, if desired.

- All food must be pre-packaged with food label (no homemade food).
- Teachers must notify the office at least one week prior to food celebration.
- Birthdays may not be celebrated with food. **No exceptions.**





## MALONEY SCHOOL FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Thank you to all students and families who contributed to the Salvation Army Food Drive and Toy Drive for PAL. You were so very generous, and we were able to make several children very happy for the holidays!



### DECEMBER LEADERS OF THE MONTH



#### Writer of the Month

Mrs. Egan      David Rivera

#### Artist of the Month

Mrs. Grumbling      Ashton Hawkins

#### Reader of the Month

Mrs. Hibbs      Aishi Nimmagadda

#### Mathematician of the Month

Mr. Murray      Thomas Quinones

#### Kindergarten

Mrs. Irizarry      Sabrina Fernandez-Perez  
Mrs. Kalnins      Kasey Tushe  
Mrs. Sanchez      Saraiya Gonzalez  
Mrs. Yurchyk      Jerzzie Rivers

#### Grade 1

Ms. Aquavia      Alexander Pepe  
Mrs. Crespo      Elijah Miller  
Mrs. DiGiovanna      Elijah Thompson  
Mrs. Olsen      Samara Henaro

#### Grade 2

Mrs. Fabian      Olivia Kizis  
Ms. Fogarty      Jeremiah Riddick  
Mrs. Mancini      Cynra Fareed  
Mrs. Smith      Daniella Varrone

#### Grade 3

Mrs. Fiore      Jeremy Matos  
Mrs. Maloney      Kaden Santiago  
Mrs. Sasso      Matthew Villacis  
Mrs. Strachan      Maya Jarrin

#### Grade 4

Mrs. Arzano      Eyad Elahmad  
Mr. Dombrowski      Truth Ramirez  
Ms. Doran      Karlaysia Daniels  
Mrs. Silva      Nela Cruz

#### Grade 5

Mrs. D'Esposito      Eddie Reyes  
Mrs. Drewry      Jaslene Roure  
Mr. Dunn      Victoria Silveira  
Ms. Pino      David Bicalho





## Japanese New Year Party for Families of 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Friday, January 19, 2018 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.



"Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu!" A Happy New Year! We will invite our fifth graders and their family to Annual SHINNENKAI, the New Year's Party on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The participants will be able to experience pounding rice, calligraphy, Origami, Skyping with Japanese students in Japan, and more. An invitation will be sent out soon. The seats are limited, so please RSVP as soon as you get an invitation. It will be first-come, first-served.



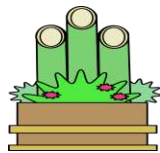
### AROUND THE SCHOOL



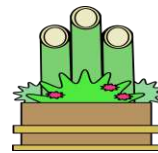
**Mrs. Hibbs, Reading** Happy New Year! Don't forget to read for SQUIRT over the winter break and bring the reading log back on January 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**Mrs. Behlman, Library** Students in Grade 1 will begin to participate in the Charter Oak Children's Book Award Program. Each child and his or her parent will be able to enjoy each nominee. In May the students will be able to rate online their favorite. Other grades will be able to read the books as well! Happy New Year!

**All Grade 4 Classes** Happy Winter! 4<sup>th</sup> graders are doing a great job this second quarter of the school year. They are participating in character studies in reading - Habit 5 (Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood.) Learning more about characters by what they do, say, interactions with others, thoughts and appearance. Please keep reading!



### HAIKU OF THE MONTH



Students in Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade have learned how to sing this song about New Year's Day in Japan, one of the most important holidays of the year.

もう いくつ ねる と お正月	How many more nights to sleep, til its New Year's day?
Mo- ee-ku-tsu ne ru toh oshohgatsu	
お正月には たこ あげて	When the New Year's Day comes, we'll fly kites,
Oshoh gatsu nee wa ta ko a geh teh	
こまを まわして、 あそびましょう!	play around with tops, and have some fun!
ko ma oh ma wa shtay ah so bee ma sho-	
はやく こい こい お正月	Oh, how I wish you came soon, my dear New Year's Day!
ha ya ku koi koi oshohgatsu	



## MESSAGE TO PARENTS FROM MRS. IRIZARRY, ATTENDANCE COUNSELOR



Just a friendly reminder about attendance. Please remember the 20 day limit policy includes excused and unexcused absences. If a student accumulates more than 20 absences in total, they risk being retained. Try to keep them out for illness only. The 2018-2019 school year calendar will be available soon. Please reference the school calendar whenever planning a trip, scheduling it during a time when school is not in session. If you have any questions please call the school on a B-day when I am here. Please send in a note for any absences. Parents can excuse the first nine (9). Absences ten (10) or more need to be formal documentation, such as a doctor's note.



## FROM MRS. CANCRO, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

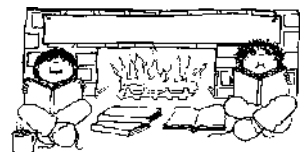


During the Month of January, I will be delivering my fourth developmental guidance lesson of the year. I will also start a new round of groups starting about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January. Please know that if your child is on my social skills group list they will be put in one by the end of the year. The groups run all year long 5 weeks at a time. In all of my guidance lessons and groups I emphasize the importance of kindness and treating each other the way they would want to be treated. All students at Maloney are encouraged to be accepting of each other's differences and be open to learning about the backgrounds and cultures of their classmates. We are a Multicultural Magnet school where differences are embraced and accepted!

*"A simple act of kindness has the power to change a life".*



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# PTO News

## Happy New Year!

### December Events

**Kids go shopping** was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup> and extra hour on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank all the volunteers who assisted the students with their Holiday shopping. The students enjoyed buying presents for their love ones.

**Silly Sweater Day** -Thank you to everyone who participated. There were lots of silly/pretty sweaters. The winners for a book were;

Miguel Fuchs Mrs. Lund  
Andrea Jacome Mrs. Miller

Eryella Estrada Mrs. Irizarry  
Nicholas Huria Mrs. D'Esposito

**Santa at Maloney:** Santa came to Maloney on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. It was a great success! Santa was so happy to spend time with the children. Thank you to all the volunteers. The winners from the raffles were:

Samantha Santos- Mrs. Mancini  
Eri Petrosky - Mrs. Forgyat  
Christian Jimenez – Mrs. Lund  
Alex Dias - Mrs. Desposito  
Elliot Copeland – Mrs. Kalnins

Jasmine Sarathy - Mrs. Lund  
Aaliyah Labrador - Mrs. Maloney  
Chynaga Fareed - Mrs. Mancini  
Cassidy Vazquez- Mrs. Crespo



We want to wish you a Happy New Year and the best for 2018!

Please join us at our PTO meeting, January 3, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Room. The February meeting is February 7, 2018 at the same time and location.