

Dear Hastings School Families,

We have gotten off to a great start to the new year! The students and teachers came back from the break rested and ready to learn. I'm seeing great teaching and learning in action during my classroom visits.

Thanks to all who participated in the 300 Mittens Project. A total of 563 pairs of mittens were collected! These mittens were distributed to a variety of organizations in town such as Westborough Department of Youth and Family Services, Abby's House, Friendly House, and the four elementary schools in town.

The district-wide food drive for the Westborough Food Pantry, organized by WHS student Connor Schoen, was a great success! Hastings families and staff collected two truckloads of food! In addition, we raised \$66.00 for grocery store gift cards through our "\$1.00 Challenge" Thank you for participating! Your generosity is so appreciated.

Hastings students continue to excel in our yearly At-Home Reading Challenge. Our goal is to exceed 1,100,000 minutes of at-home reading. In addition, for every 100,000 minutes of reading students complete, a new book will be purchased for the library to celebrate. In November, Hastings students read for over 107,000 minutes, earning yet another new book for our library! This is the last call for completed December reading calendars, so we can include your child's minutes in the total.

The next Hastings Parent Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 PM in the Hastings library. Amber Bock, WPS superintendent, will talk with families and answer questions about the 2017-2018 budget proposal. Childcare will be provided. Please join us!

Save the date! The 2017 Hastings Cultural Fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, from 6:30-8:00 PM. More information will be coming out soon about how families can help organize, and take part in this wonderful Hastings tradition.

Fondly,

Leigh Becker, Principal