

# January Principal Message

Dear Hastings School Families,

Happy 2019! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season. It has been wonderful welcoming your smiling students back to school. We are looking forward to a new year filled with learning, happiness, and fun!



## Kindness Trees

One of our Hastings school rules is “*Be Kind.*” We work with our students on showing and practicing kindness towards our classmates, teachers, family, and community. There are two large kindness trees painted on the walls of our school. Each month students try to fill the trees by demonstrating acts of kindness. For the month of January when students are seen doing something kind they will be given a snowflake that shares what they did to hang on the tree. We hope our snowflake covered trees make others smile and encourage acts of kindness at Hastings!



## Winter Weather

As we head into the winter months, please remember that even when it’s cold outside, it is important for children to get out during the school day for fresh air. As a result, the practice at Hastings is that we will have outdoor recess if the wind chill is 20° F or above. If the wind chill is below 20° F, there will be indoor recess. Make sure that your child comes to school prepared to spend time outdoors with proper clothing.

With the possibility of snow approaching, we have a few additional reminders. Students that want to play in the snow must wear snow boots, snow pants, gloves, a jacket, and a hat. Please label all snow gear to ensure it is easy to identify at the end of each day. We suggest that all students practice putting their gear on at home so they are able to get ready for recess as independently as possible. We look forward to fun times in the snow this winter!



## Important Dates

Tuesday, January 1st	Happy New Year!
Wednesday, January 2nd	School Resumes
Thursday, January 10th	Parent Group Meeting, Hastings Library, 6:30-7:30 PM
Friday, January 11th	Early Release for Students, 11:55 AM
Tuesday, January 15th	Principal Coffee Gathering, Cafeteria, 8:35-9:30 AM
Monday, January 21st	No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Friday, January 25th	Principal Coffee Gathering, Cafeteria, 8:35-9:30 AM
Saturday, February 9th	Hastings Winter Festival - SAVE THE DATE!

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year filled with kindness!

Warmly,  
Ms. Horowitz