March 13, 2015

Dear Families,

Isn't the weather wonderful? Sunshine makes everything better and I hope you are enjoying your weekend.

This week Dr. Margie Vandeven, Missouri Commissioner of Education visited Horace Mann and Leet Center. Her first trip to Maryville and Northwest was an opportunity for us to show her our school and the excellent learning opportunities we provide. She visited Mrs. Sheil's Preschool Classroom, Kindergarten and Third Grade.

We have some events coming up that you will not want to miss.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held this week. This is an opportunity to meet with teachers, discuss your child's learning process, talk about strengths and areas of improvement. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing the great things your children are doing at school. On Thursday, March 19 the Conscious Discipline Parent Meeting will focus on Consequences.

Horace Mann and Leet Center will be closed Monday, March 23-Friday, March 27.

We will be offering the Scholastic Book Fair March 30-April 3 from 7:30-4:30 each day. If you are interested in a later time, please let us know and we will arrange it. There will be many books to choose from as well as drawings, door prizes, and more. When we host the book fair, we receive points toward the purchase of books that will be used in classrooms to build our classroom libraries.

Strategic planning is an integral part of any successful endeavor and we are collecting data and looking to make our programs stronger. One specific focus is to strengthen our fifth/sixth grade. Next year we will be integrating more STEM learning that includes robotics and computer programming. There are other department partnering opportunities in the works and we are excited to provide exceptional learning
opportunities for all grades. I will provide more information in April as we continue our strategic planning process.

Horace Mann has a strong history at Northwest and we will continue to strengthen the bond and learning opportunities for all students by continuing to improve programs, learning spaces, and instructional strategies. Thanks for being a part of great learning environment!

Thanks for sharing your children with us!

Sincerely,

Sandy Seipel