

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed a peaceful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming back our students on Tuesday, February 20th. You should have already received the Superintendent's message regarding the tragedy in Parkland, Florida. I have attached it here if you have not already had an opportunity to read it. My heart breaks and my sincerest condolences go out to the Parkland community.

"Parents are reminded to monitor your child's access to the news media, be alert to possible stress reactions by your children, and remind them that our community has many people focused on keeping them safe. Do let us know if you have any concerns about your child's reaction to the event. " We will have our psychologists available to support students, teachers and parents if needed. Our staff will be ready with open arms and smiles to greet our precious children on Tuesday morning.

On a positive note, I would like to share some good news. Our art teacher, LeAnn Hinkle is now an author. Ms. Hinkle states, "This past November I was asked to contribute an article to School Arts Magazine. It has been published and the digital version is now available. I should get the print copies in a week or so. The theme of the issue is STEAM education at all levels. The really fun part is that this is the issue they will be handing out at the National Art Education Conference at the end of March. It is my first article so it is kind of exciting. Below is the link. My article starts on page 46."

Ms. Hinkle completed this work with our own JC kindergarteners. Congratulations Ms. Hinkle. We are lucky to have you at our school and you make us all proud!

<http://www.schoolartsdigital.com/i/935817-march-2018/51?>

I have also added an attachment to this e-mail. Continuing our good news, a new state accountability report ranks Greenwich Public Schools as the fourth best district in Connecticut based on a look at many academic factors, attendance and graduation rates. I have added the Greenwich Time article below. If the link does not work please copy and paste into your URL. Julian Curtiss is noted as moving up from a category 3 to a category 1 in this new ranking. I have analyzed the results and JC is literally one student from receiving "School of distinction." Regardless, this is good news for our community. Please take a look when you have a chance.

<https://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/Greenwich-schools-move-up-rankings-to-4th-12614317.php>

Enjoy the remainder of the long weekend.

Warm regards,

Trish McGuire

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