Good morning! The week flew by and we are another week closer to Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that there is only 5 weeks until winter break! Before break, at the beginning of December, we will be taking the second round of MAP testing. This will provide teachers an additional data point to know where students are and which instructional strategies and supports will best serve their needs and skills to get them where they need to go. Students can see their performance immediately and follow their progress toward learning goals. This empowers students to know their own strengths and to see where they need to grow. They use this information to ask questions and have more ownership of their learning. Teachers will meet with the data team and also use in-service time to make instructional decisions that enable students to work on a skill or concept until they have mastered it. Then, when it comes time for teachers and parents to meet or have conversations, they have a shared understanding of how the students can benefit from learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

**177th Street:**

We have been noticing that, at dismissal, some drivers might think that there is a 4-way stop out of the drive and onto 177th/176th street. 177th Street does not have stop signs and traffic does not stop. Many cars have come close to being hit by other cars or the bus. Please be mindful to take a second look before pulling out of the Sagewood drive.

**EKC drop off/ pick up:**

When dropping off or picking up at EKC, you must stay along the drive. No unauthorized vehicles can drive up by the EKC doors. This is for safety purposes even if it is raining or snowing.

**Mid quarter reports:**

Mid quarter reports will be going home next Wednesday, November 20th. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact your child’s teacher.

**Wax Museum:**

The 5th grade will be hosting their annual Wax Museum presentations on Tuesday, November 26th. This activity will take place at 11:00 AM in the gym.

**2nd Grade Reader’s Theater:**

The second graders will be hosting a reader’s theater about Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 27th at 1:15. Each class will be performing in their classrooms.

**Early dismissal:**

There will be early dismissal on Wednesday, November 27th at 2:06. This will allow for families to prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. No school will be in session on the 28th and 29th.

**Lost and Found:**

Please come and check out the lost and found which continues to pile up. Whatever is not picked up by December 20th, will be donated.

**Sagewood Bingo For Books Night:**

 **Thursday, December 5th, from 6:30 til 7:30**

Come play Bingo and leave with a few new books to read over the winter break. Sagewood's PTO has purchased **200 books** to give away! Additional gently used book donations will be accepted Dec. 2, 3, 4, and 5th, simply place in boxes in front hallway. Join us for this night of **free fun and free books**!

**Family Dinner Night**:
The Good Life (“at the Creek”) 202nd and Maple
5-8 pm, Wednesday November 20th

20% of our sales when we mention we are with Sagewood Elementary!