Estell Manor Parents/Guardians:

Good Afternoon. I hope this email finds you well. We had our January Board of Education Meeting on Thursday January 23rd. I wanted to give everyone a couple of highlights for informational/communication purposes.

**Personnel:**

1. Congratulations to Mrs. Erin Jackson. She will be our new Volleyball Coach.

2. Congratulations to Mrs. Meredith VanGilder. She will be our new Softball Coach.

**Superintendent Report:**

1. Our 8th Graders took a trip to Buena Regional High School on Friday December 20th to participate in a School Pep Rally. The students loved it and had a fantastic time.

2. HSA Paint Night will take place on Friday January 24th. Looking forward to a great night.

3. Thank you to Sarah Sharpe for securing the AtlantiCare Healthy Schools, Healthy Children Grant. Because of her efforts, we were awarded a $750 Physical Activity Enhancement Grant. Great Job Sarah!

4. Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Kisby and Mrs. Joan Maddox on being elected to the Board of Education. Welcome Aboard.

5. Congratulations to Mr. Bryan Lavender on being elected to the Board of Education. Brian will be sworn in at the February 27th Board Meeting.

6. Ms. Millar and I attended the Public Comment on School Funding on Thursday January 16th in Blackwood, NJ. Superintendents, Board Members, and Parents from around the area spoke and gave their opinion on the funding formula, how to improve it, and how to make it equitable for all school districts in NJ.

**Facilities:**

1. A special thanks to Mrs. Priscilla Meyer for shoveling and salting to keep our school ready to operate.

2. A special thanks to All Seasons Landscaping for shoveling our sidewalks and entrance ways.

3. A special thanks to the City for plowing our Parking Lot.

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

1. We had a Full Day Teacher In-Service on Friday January 10th. Our teachers and staff participated in CPI Verbal De-Escalation Training as well as CPR/AED Training.

2. The iReady Winter Benchmark Assessment will begin the week of January 27th. This assessment tells us where our students are performing as it pertains to Mathematics and Language Arts.

3. We had our second Preschool Books in the Backyard Event on Wednesday January 22nd. Mrs. Derringer read books and did crafts with the students and parents.

**December Students of the Month:**

Preschool: Brody Barber

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Kindergarten: Knox Levari

1st Grade: Sydney Phelan

2nd Grade: Claire Cobb

3rd Grade: Sophia Risley

4th Grade: Aurora Frampus

5th Grade: Dylan Cavagnaro

6th Grade: Kylah Egan

7th Grade: James Seelman

8th Grade: Nathan Tyree

**Note:**

If you have any questions please contact me. I feel extremely privileged to be your Superintendent. Have a great weekend. Thank you!

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**David L. Ricci**

**Superintendent**

**Estell Manor School District**

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