

December 31, 2022

Dear Freshwater Families,

Now that 2023 has arrived I want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Happy New Year! We endured a long couple of years following our school closure due to COVID-19 and our inability to hold events and welcome our families onto the Freshwater campus. 2023 is our rebound year as we focus on rebuilding our Freshwater School Community. There is much to look forward to at Freshwater School this year and I am excited to begin this journey when **we welcome our students back to campus on Tuesday, January 3rd!**

We had a great turnout at our Winter Concert, and I want to thank Ms. Gluck and Mrs. Pinsky for all of the hard work that they put in to prepare our students for the concert. I continue to be amazed at how much our students learn in just a few months with these teachers! We truly appreciate your ongoing support for our music programs at Freshwater, and hope that you enjoyed the show! When you attend the Spring Concert in May, you will see how much more their confidence and skills have grown!

The Freshwater School Song reminds us that Freshwater School is a very special place “to learn, share, and grow,” and after 23 years with the District my appreciation for the Freshwater staff, families, and community continues to grow. Our dedicated staff and parents continue to work together to provide our students with high quality learning experiences in a safe and caring environment. In addition to the academic, musical, and athletic programs offered at Freshwater, both the Community Club and the Freshwater Educational Foundation further enhance and strengthen our school climate by sponsoring community events for our Freshwater families to attend as well as providing financial support to the District. These parent groups continue to do so much to enhance the Freshwater campus, and I am grateful for their generosity and support.

There will be many opportunities for input and participation from our Freshwater families this year; whether through participation in Community Club, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Freshwater Educational Foundation (FEF), or attending school board meetings. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about the opportunities that exist at our school for parent input and participation.

As we plan for a safe return to campus after the winter break, we will be providing free COVID-19 test kits to any family in need. Test kits will be available starting on Sunday, January 1, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and again on Monday, January 2, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Test kits will be in a large box placed on the bench in front of the main office. Please only take what you need for your family at this time.

Thank you for your continued support of Freshwater School. You are ALL appreciated, and I look forward to working with you in 2023!

With Warm Regards,

Si Talty, Superintendent/Principal