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Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! In general, I think the month of December makes us think of the holidays in some way, shape or form. I am no different in that respect. However, part of my annual mindset at this time of the year is that we are also near the end of another calendar year. Of course, the school year is far from over, so even though we are about to bid farewell to 2018, there are many things to be excited about in 2019!

Perhaps the most visible item on the list for 2019 is the addition of our new all-purpose room. As you can see, the blockwork is well underway, and the outer structure is really taking shape! Due to all of the poor weather we have had throughout the fall, the project is somewhat behind schedule. However, the goal remains to open the space during the spring of 2019 so that we can get at least some use out of the room during the current school year. It is important for everyone to know that the contractors have been easy to work with, and they have made accommodations along the way to help us maintain a safe and appropriate educational environment during the construction process.

Another new endeavor that I am excited about for the new year will be the start of an academic support program designed to provide supplemental instruction to students who have been identified by way of their report card grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations. The program will be possible thanks to a grant the district received and hopefully, we will continue to receive for years to come. I am proud to have worked on the grant application with our new Business Administrator, Denise McCarthy, and our Guidance Counselor, Denise Sullivan. Once the logistics have been finalized for this program, notices will go home to families inviting their child to participate. The goal is to launch the program by the end of January.

As I stated in the beginning of this article, the month of December is associated with the holiday season, and this year is no different. In order to help us all get into the holiday spirit, we will have our annual MBS Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the gym. Under the direction of Mrs. Rossi, students from all grades PK to 8 will perform and showcase their singing and musical talents. This is always one of my favorite events of the year mainly because it involves the entire school and helps us reinforce our sense of family that is so important, especially at this time of year.

From all of us here at MBS, I hope that everyone has a holiday season filled with family traditions and future memories, and a new year filled with good health and happiness.

Warmly,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent