

### *A December Note from the Principal*

There were some wonderful events that took place in November. Early last month, our students, staff members, and members of the community proudly recognized and honored our local veterans at our annual Veteran's Day Assembly. Many of our classes showed their appreciation to our veterans with their heartfelt performances and presentations. As she always does, Mrs. Nixon did a terrific job of organizing the assembly.

In the middle of the month we held Parent-Teacher Conferences. This provided an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers to discuss academic progress. If you were not able to attend a conference, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to set up a meeting. Also, at the end of the month the PTA sponsored Family Bingo Night. The event was well attended and a very enjoyable evening for all that attended.

Throughout the month of November, cans were collected for our annual VR Food Drive. It was reported that over 1,500 cans were collected and donated to the Concerns-U food pantry. Thank you to Mrs. Nixon for organizing the food drive and to everyone that donated!

As you can imagine, the month of December will be quite busy with many fun-filled activities for our students to enjoy.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- December 4<sup>th</sup>** Character Education Assemblies – Wear Blue for *Trustworthiness*
- 9:45 - Grades PK-2 Presenting Classes: Mrs. Kyer, Mrs. Jones/  
Shankar, Mrs. Cocola
- 1:15 - Grades 3-6 Presenting Classes: Mrs. Nahal, Mr. Martyn, Mr. Quinn
- December 6<sup>th</sup>** PTA Sponsored Holiday Craft Night – 5:30 p.m. in  
the Elementary Cafeteria
- December 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** PTA Sponsored Holiday Shopping
- December 12<sup>th</sup>** VR Winter Concert at 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.
- December 14<sup>th</sup>** PTA Meeting –5:45 p.m. in the Elementary Library
- December 21<sup>st</sup>** Dismissal at 12:15

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** School Recess – No School (students return on 1/2)

Thank you for your continued support. Happy Holidays!

Best regards,  
Jeffrey M. Palmer  
Principal

*VR's Vision: Our school is a safe and caring community where students learn to think critically, grow socially, and develop a love of learning that will last a lifetime. We will be polite, work hard, and have fun as we SHOW PRIDE at Van Rensselaer Elementary School.*