

### ***A February Note from the Principal***

The month of February has arrived, and we are officially halfway through the school year! The students came back to school from the Winter Break focused and ready to learn. There were a few notable events that took place during the month. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our third set of Character Education assemblies focused on the trait, *Caring*. The students from Mrs. Hobson's, Mrs. Spencer's, Ms. Carr's, Mrs. Fountain's, Mrs. Alix-Hansen's, and Mrs. Lindemann/Ms. Balfourt's classes presented at the assemblies. Their performances were well prepared and creative. In addition, a number of students were recognized for their positive behavior. We are now focusing on the trait, *Responsibility*. Our next set of assemblies of Character Education will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our school will continue to participate in the Read for Ronald McDonald House program until February 13<sup>th</sup>. You can either sponsor your child for each minute they read or just send in a donation for the program. Children that submit the first 5 dollars of donations each receive a Ronald McDonald bracelet and are recognized on the announcements.

#### **Important February Dates and Events**

<b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Second Quarter Reports Cards Distributed
<b>February 6<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Meeting in the Elementary Library at 5:45 p.m.
<b>February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 6 Snowball Dance <i>Final Day of Read for Ronald McDonald House Program</i>
<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Early Dismissal – 12:15
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Picture Day <i>Read for Ronald McDonald House Pledge Packets Due</i>

As a reminder, you may start contacting Tracy Foust to register for kindergarten and next year's prekindergarten program on February 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for your continued support.

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.***