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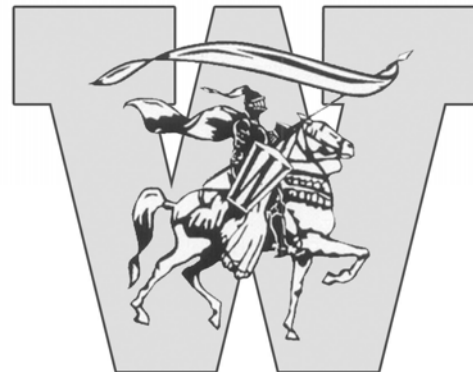
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Greetings to all of our Palmer families,

November certainly has been a busy month here at school! I would first like to take a minute to thank all of the family members who were able to join us last week for our wonderful Veteran's Day program. It was an honor to have all of you here with us and the students you were with couldn't have been prouder. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to join us. Thanks also go out to Mrs. Condi and Mrs. Flynn for all their hard work in putting such a lovely tribute together.

I would also like to take a minute to thank our Enrichment Teacher, Mrs. Mulcahy, and our Math Support Teacher, Mrs. Fish, for their support with helping a very talented group of 4th graders prepare a Rube Goldberg machine for a recent regional program. Although the event was non-competitive the Palmer team boasted the only machine that ran in completion on the first try! In addition to learning some basic laws of physics these junior scientists also learned what it was like to work under a deadline! We will feature their machine at our annual Science Fair held in May so be on the lookout for it!

I have just a couple of other news items that I would like to share with you this month. I have had a number of inquiries lately regarding the little building project that is happening on the end of the building next to Grove Street. Thanks to the organizational efforts of Mr. Batdorf, Palmer will soon have a working Colonial Garden right here on site. Come springtime, students at all grade levels will have the opportunity to learn about plants through first hand observation and care and at the same time they will be able to make an important connection to Social Studies by working in an authentic and historical-looking environment. There will certainly be more information about the garden forthcoming but I just wanted to give you a quick overview of the plans at this time.

In closing, I would like to extend a personal invitation to all of you to attend our family Reading Extravaganza program scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00. There will be storytelling, book swaps and chances to "read under the stars" so I hope it is something that you and your child(ren) will be able to attend.

Until next month,

Jamie Bernard