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Greetings to all our Palmer families,

I am so excited about this month's newsletter because it is providing me with the wonderful opportunity to brag about Palmer's new website! As you might recall, you were asked to complete a survey last spring that was sent to you by our Building Leadership Team. While we received lots of valuable information from you as a result of that survey, one of the key areas we were focused on was how to enhance communication between home, school and the community. Overwhelmingly you let us know that there was lots of information that you would like to be able to access via the school website. I think you will be pleased with how the building has responded! Please take a few minutes to log on and explore and then, by all means, let me know what you think. It is still a work in progress, and if there is something that you would like to see there then we'd love to add it. The easiest way to access the site is right off the Windsor CSD home page. You can bring that up at: www.windsor-csd.org then click on the "our schools" link on the left side of the page and then click on Palmer Elementary. We also have our own address which is: www.palmerelementary.org. Again please send along your feedback (there is a link to my school e-mail account right on my Principal's page) and visit often as updates are made daily. Finally, special thanks go out to Ms. Condi, Ms. Kimball and all of our staff for their hard work in putting this wonderful resource together.

My next item fits in beautifully with the website because it is an open invitation to join our Building Leadership Team. This team identifies important goals for the building, much like the "improve home-school communication" goal mentioned above, and then works together to generate and complete an action plan in order to achieve the desired goal. Last year we developed the following Mission Statement: "The Building leadership Team is focused on enhancing the academic, social, and emotional components of learning by continuing to work together to improve our school community" and this statement really helps to define our collective purpose. This team has 1 monthly meeting lasting from 3:45-5:00. We will determine the best day of the week once we have the members. Please call the Main Office at 655-8227 if you are interested in being a part of this leadership group. Our first meeting date is set for Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 3:45. We look forward to welcoming new members into the fold.

In closing I just want to give you a quick reminder to send your children to school dressed warmly enough for their outside recess time. The thermometer reminds us daily that Old Man Winter is right around the corner! Brrrrrrr. Also, I have included some information regarding how to access Blackboard (a teacher/classroom information link) on the reverse side of the newsletter that I hope you find helpful.

Until next month,

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