**Mid-Year Testing!**

Upon our return from Thanksgiving break, students will need to undergo mid-year testing in all FSA-tested subjects. This includes ELA, Math, and Science. In addition, students will complete a writing prompt.

During our parent-teacher conferences, I stressed to each of you that I did not put much stock into beginning of the year test results, as students had not yet been exposed to many of the skills presented on the exam. Well, that is no longer the case. These tests are extremely important, and I hope to see substantial growth from earlier in the year. Make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep this week, and has a hearty breakfast. Also, please try to ensure that they’re not missing any school. Remember, if your child is absent, s/he will need to make-up any testing that they may have missed, meaning that they will not be present while we are learning new information.

**Veterans Day**

Our Veterans Day ceremony will be held this Friday, November 8th, from 7:45 until, approximately, 8:30. Please plan on joining us to honor and thank all those military personnel who have protected and served our country.

I am creating a PowerPoint slideshow to pay respect to the veterans of students and staff of Healthy Learning Academy. If you have a family member that you would like to be represented, please send me his/her picture by Wednesday, November 6th, *at the very latest*. In addition, include the following:

* Name
* Rank
* Military branch
* War fought in (if applicable)
* Student(s) that they are related to

If you submitted a photograph and information last year, I will use that in the slideshow. I hope we have a large turn-out to honor these American heroes.

**Holiday Performance**

Our annual holiday performance will be held Thursday, December 12th on the main stage in the Town of Tioga. The show begins promptly at 6:00 p.m., so students should plan on being there by 5:45 p.m. at the latest.

This is an important HLA tradition, so please make sure that your child dresses appropriately.

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| **ELA:** We covered fact and opinion, prepositions and prepositional phrases, and the prefix, “un-.”  **SS:** We are studying the Age of Exploration. An explorer project was assigned that is due on Monday, December 16th.  **Math:** We tested on Ch. 3, and will now be dividing by two-digit divisors in Ch. 4. This is challenging, so please help at home!  **Science:** We are still studying Weather and the Water Cycle, and will test soon! |
| **Word of the Week:**  Our word of the week prior to Thanksgiving break was “gratitude.” Gratitude, simply put, is being thankful or appreciative of someone or something. Taking time each day to think of what you’re grateful for can help you focus on the positive and drown out the negative. |
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Notes from Ms. Katje**:** Students have been working on their Asian brush paintings of plum blossoms. Ms. Katje will also be teaching music to prepare students for our holiday performance on Thursday, December 12th.

Notes from Coach Mike**:** No updates provided.

December 2, 2019

### We will mark the following words in class on Monday when we return from Thanksgiving break. This week, we will focus on words that end in schwa-L.

### unintelligible submersible irreversible reproducible inedible

### incomprehensible incompatible irresponsible irresistible intangible

#### Spelling

#### Miscellaneous

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