



Goodbye 2017, Hello 2018!

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After a wonderful winter break, we are well-rested and ready to start 2018! We will be doing that with new Harry Potter House assignments. Speaking of houses, we ended 2017 with our house parties. Congratulations to Slytherin, who won the contest with 793 points...outstanding teamwork! Hufflepuff came in second, Gryffindor third, and Ravenclaw was in fourth place. Slytherin celebrated with a Glow in the Dark Dance and Gaga Ball party. The four houses will go head-to-head in a point contest for another party at the end of the school year. What will the prize be in May? Stay tuned!

What our students did over winter break:

A lot of students traveled with family. Some enjoyed our School's Out camps. When asked what their favorite part of break would be, students had this to say:

- ~ Meghan W. likes to make peppermint bark.
- ~ Josiah M. likes opening presents and playing with them.
- ~ Abby P. is excited to go to the beach.
- ~ Nolan Z. likes to make snow forts.

Calling Junior Counselors

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I am excited to run a new club this semester. This will be an excellent leadership opportunity for our fourth and fifth graders, exclusively. The club is known as Lead The Way, where interested students will apply to be a Junior Counselor. They will learn what it takes to be a leader and mentor for their younger, fellow ESE students.

In this club, they will write an essay about leadership. They will help with the various aspects of our day, like facilitating snack time, assisting with transitions, and will even help write club plans for the fourth quarter activities.

If your child is interested in this club, please make sure they tell me (Ms. Barber) no later than Wednesday, January 17. I want to make sure they start the process early enough to benefit fully from things this club has to offer. Applications will be due by Friday, January 19.



Pictured on the left: Jillian P., Cate O., Rae A., Meghan W., and Alex O. were all RICHER Right Up recipients at one of our weekly ceremonies

Pictured on the right: Landon C, Meghan W., and Austin S. look the part of their teachers on a school spirit day.



WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE **MTS GOT TALENT** SHOW! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STARS. OUR STUDENT JUDGES SELECTED MEGHAN W. AND LYDIA C. AS THE FIRST PLACE WINNERS, WITH THEIR GYMNASTICS PRACTICE SKIT.