

December 22, 2017

Scott M. Ellis Elementary School

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Dear Families,

December has been full of excitement! "Gallons of Love" collections are complete and we spent the week sorting donated coins!! Thank you all for your generosity. We will share the totals with you in our next letter home.

Second grade students have been learning about different types of communities; comparing and contrasting what they would find in rural, suburban, and urban neighborhoods. The children have been so eager to compare ideas and create maps of their imaginary communities. Their enthusiasm is contagious! Thank you, Mrs. Persico for leading this wonderful project.

This letter would be incomplete without thanking our art teacher (Mrs. Kelly) and our music teachers (Miss Catucci, Mr. Clermont, and Mrs. Rochler) for making this festive month a celebration of our students artistic and musical abilities. The building has been brightly decorated, and echoing cheerful holiday songs all month.

This week our school received an unexpected gift. The New Baltimore Exxon Mobil store listed us as a partner school and we received \$500. Since a number of our teachers have been reading and discussing the role of "Purposeful Play," we decided to use the money to purchase play materials that encourage student creativity and social skills. Thank you to this local business for including us in this program!

Although the building has been buzzing with excitement we ended the month with our annual reading celebration, "Read 2018!" During "Read 2018" we welcome the (new) calendar year by slowing down a little and reading silently for 2018 seconds. May the coming year bring us many adventures in good books!

Enjoy your holidays. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Caringly, Mr. Mahan