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Dear Evans Park Families:

Happy December and all that that brings to you and your families. The children at Evans Park have been busy with special events, including the now seemingly distant Thanksgiving Feast. On November 28th the students enjoyed a wonderful cultural arts assembly (courtesy of the PTA) where they listened to and learned about African drums and what those signify to their nations of many languages. Last week, the children enjoyed shopping in the very exciting *Holiday Boutique*, also the work of our dedicated PTA. Instructionally, the week was filled with *coding* in a wide variety of lessons and activities across classes and special areas, including PE and the Maker Space. We thank Ms. Kearns and Ms. Ulrich, our district technology coaches, for joining us in this effort to promote computer science.

Reading and writing instruction, the latter with the Teachers' College *Units of Study*, is yielding positive results. Students are writing lengthier, more detailed pieces and reporting that they are enjoying writing! Our kindergarten pilot of *Science 21* has included specialized training sessions for the teachers; again, students are talking about their enjoyment of learning science.

On Friday, the Evans Park Student Council brought over 450 letters to Macy's for the *Make a Wish* program. They came back brimming with pride and enthusiastically shared their experience with the student body. Evans Park's donation was more than \$900, thanks to all of the students' writing. At that gathering, the students also learned that three classes have achieved a ticket milestone for *respectful, responsible, ready* and *safe* comportment. Thus, they started our hallway puzzle, which, when complete, will result in a school wide acknowledgment. In addition, we began our month-long theme of *Peace* and the many ways in which we feel it and demonstrate it.

Our winter concerts are fast approaching; we encourage you to take a break from the hustle and bustle to join us for the music of the season presented by delightful children's voices. Please respect all of our student performers and stay for the entire program.

Don't forget to log onto the Evans Park web site from time to time to see photos of school and classroom endeavors and keep up to date with the monthly calendar.

The staff and I wish you and your loved ones the happiest of times during this celebratory season.

Happy holidays,
Peggy Lynch