Dear Parents:

The students are in the process of making snowflakes for a winter display inside of Door 4 that says, "Our school is *snow* cool!" This morning I took the trouble to haul a stuffed snowman to school and hang it on my office door. Despite these anticipatory efforts, the weather is not doing its part! In Central Indiana we normally get six inches of snow in December and eight in January.

My ten grandchildren who hail from Texas and South Carolina were in Indiana after Christmas. One morning there were weak snow showers and they got all excited. I just kind of rolled my eyes and shook my head at what might have been.

However, there are a flurry of events at BTCS:

Today: First Semester Progress Reports are in your child's folder! Please sign the response form and return it by **January 22, 2021**.

Monday, January 18: There will be no classes in session in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Thursday, January 21: This is our first Professional Development Day of the New Year with an early dismissal of 2:15.

January 25-29: The last week of January is National School Choice Week. Next week's memo will outline our special plans!

We are beginning a partnership project sponsored by Green Tree Plastics in Evansville to teach the students about the value of recycling. For the next several months, we plan to collect plastic lids and caps. Once we have 200 pounds collected (yes, you read that correctly!), we will deliver the items to the company and order a 6-foot plastic bench to place beside our south playground.

Please post the attached "Acceptable Caps" sheet in a convenient spot in your kitchen to stay on top of what can be recycled by the company and what they do not

accept. We need your help! Our sixth grade class is going to facilitate this service project. We are excited not only about having a bench by the playground, but also for the prospect of what the children will learn from it.

Have a good week, everyone – and please, let it snow!

Mrs. Newton