

“Parents were invented to make children happy by giving them something to ignore.

Ogden Nash

Grey Matters

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With the cold weather clearly here to stay, many people are happily skiing, skating, snowboarding, sledding, and building snowmen. With that said, for many kids, parents, and staff alike, the reality of winter kicking in and the impending holiday season can lead to a predictably high level of stress. Please remember that there are many sources of support available. If you or someone you know is becoming overwhelmed, please let us know. Our counseling staff is available to help directly and/or to provide referrals to local agencies for support.

Some of you may receive interim reports this week. An interim report does not necessarily mean a failing grade and sometimes, an interim report can be sent home to communicate good news! In general, however, interim reports are typically sent home mid-term when changes in behavior or performance need to be communicated. Should you receive an interim report, and have related questions, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

In the December issue of *Shades of Grey*, you will find a copy of the new CORI form. You will need to complete and return this new form if you wish to volunteer during the next school year (06-07), or if you intend to volunteer this school year but are not currently approved. Under the new regulations, you cannot mail, fax, or have someone else submit the form for you. You will need to return the form to our main office in person. I recognize the difficulties this new procedure may cause and appreciate your patience and cooperation.

We are seventeen weeks into the school year and the year 2005 is coming to an end. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, students, and parents for making this first half of the school year so successful. I hope that everyone has a restful holiday break and enjoys the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.