

## Seward Good News...



December has passed by so quickly. Hoping the holidays were enjoyable! The students here at Seward shared the holiday spirit during winter spirit week, PJ's and ugly sweaters were on display!

As we begin January, the second marking period will be coming to a close before we all blink. With that in mind, please continue to check your student's progress via the Parent Portal. As well, we offer after school help and peer tutoring for all students. Please encourage your student to take advantage of the extra help we offer. We want all students to be successful!

Winter can be more than just cold. Sometimes the weather keeps us from being outside and active. Please be mindful of this and encourage your child to stay active. Too often we see students post via social media hurtful material because of the amount of time they spend on electronic devices. Add to this colder weather, and we see an increase in this behavior at this time of the year. Please help us to help your child make sensible and respectful decisions about social media posts by speaking with them and monitoring their posts. In the end, it is likely you that owns the account and pays the bill.

Best of luck to students who are taking Regents exams this month, and congratulations to our seniors who are learning of their acceptances to college. We share in the pride and joy your hard work has brought!

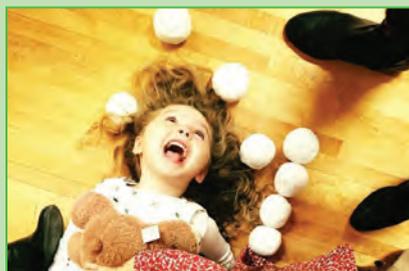
***Hard work works!***

Michael Rheume, S. S. Seward Institute Principal

## Golden Hill Festivities

The Golden Hill PTA hosted its annual Breakfast with Santa but with a few changes. One most notable change was the name of the event. This year we called it "Cocoa and Cookies with Santa". It was a spectacular event and one that drew a crowd of nearly 500 people! A hint of Polar Express was added to the theme....well, perhaps more than a hint!

The morning was filled with fun and laughter as guests made their way from the ticket counter where the children received their "golden tickets" necessary to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Visits occurred only after enjoying a hot drink and some cookies in the cafeteria which was transformed into a lovely train. Families took fun photos of themselves on the Polar Express or with cardboard character standees from the Polar Express. From there, families went into the first half of the gym to see Santa and Mrs. Claus where they received their gift of a beautiful sleigh bell. While waiting in line to see Santa, families enjoyed carols performed by Mr. Visconti and several of the Select Choir members from S.S. Seward. Elves read the Polar Express story to groups of children after they visited with Santa.



That's not all! Before leaving, adults and children had a wonderful time mingling with friends and entertaining themselves with an indoor snow ball fight. The event ran smoothly thanks to all of the PTA volunteer moms, dads, elves and the student volunteers from S.S. Seward. The cookies were donated at cost to the PTA by our local Subway and the cocoa, coffee and utensils were all donated by MH Tank, Co.

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## A Visit to President Container Group



Seward High School students participated in a STEM enriched, fun and informative field trip to President Container Group. Rich Goldberg, President Container's Vice-President of Operations was instrumental in providing this opportunity to our students. The manufacturing building students visited is located in Middletown, NY.

Students learned about the manufacturing of corrugated containers, participated in a pizza box folding challenge, toured the facility and observed the 11 acre solar farm. How exciting to see the largest privately owned solar farm in New York State.

Mrs. Scheibling is working on a partnership for High School class opportunities as well as available internships. Mrs. Castine is working with Mr. Goldberg on Middle and Elementary School curriculum integrated opportunities. During our visit, there was discussion of an engineering competition with another local district. Stay tuned! More to come as we partner with President Container Group.

