

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much." With this in mind, one of the big goals we have as a school district is Connectedness of our students.

We have a lot of students who are connected with school activities, but we also have a larger number of students than one might think who are not involved with any activities. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, it is a good time for us to count our blessings. I want to thank all of the staff, students and parents for their efforts with fall student activities. The athletic/activity advisors should be applauded for their efforts. In addition to our strong athletic teams, we have several activities and clubs that students can participate in. Studies have shown the importance of Social Connectedness improves both physical and mental health. The last couple of years have proven the importance of being connected to something!

As I write this, there are some snowflakes in the air. It would seem fall has ended abruptly and winter is upon us. Please be sure students are dressed appropriately as they head out the door. Also, this is a good time to remind everyone that should we have a need to cancel school, start late, or end school early, we will post something on our School Messenger system, post it to our website and Facebook as well as alert our local TV and Radio stations.

I once again want to thank all of our coaches and advisors who work with the students of our communities. Through their efforts and the efforts of all of us working together, we can accomplish so much!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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