Hello my Hardy family, another month has flown by! We have had a pretty minimal amount of snow so far this winter, so I'm predicting February is going to be a snow fest. Be Prepared! Just a quick reminder on our snow policy, if WPS is closed, we are as well. If the schools close early, we are closed for the day. It gets a little tricky if the schools stay open, but a storms is hitting during after school hours. If that were to happen, Shawn and Carolyn would make a decision on staying open, closing, or closing early and inform you as soon as possible.

February vacation is just a few weeks away, we have an amazing schedule planned at Bates for the week. We are closed on Monday to honor President’s Day, and we kick off the week on Tuesday with "Dino-Man" who will be transforming to gym to a prehistoric time with life sized dinosaurs and activities! On Wednesday the 2-5 graders will be heading to Nashoba Valley for our annual tubing trip. I'm not sure if the kids or teachers enjoy this one more, it's so fun! The younger children will be staying at Bates and being treated to a Traveling Petting Zoo. A farm will be bring many different farm animals for the children to learn about, as well as pet and interact with. Thursday is going to feature a Science and Circus act. The Mad Scientist will be doing some very cool and exciting experiments in the morning, and in the afternoon we have a traveling circus coming in. What a great week! Please get your forms and checks in ASAP, the deadline is Wednesday, February 13. These days have filled up in the past, it is a first come first serve basis, so if you are interested don't wait too long!

Go Pats!

As always, please reach out with any questions!

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