

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and if you are a last-minute shopper, here's your reminder that you only have 24 days in December before your frantic last minute shopping trip! Here's to a great holiday season, plenty of Turkey, family and friends.

As always in the Thanksgiving spirit, we wanted to send our annual thank you letter to the great community of East Hartford who continue to make our schools the great places they continue to be.

Thank you to our parents for all the support, partnership and effort you make on a daily basis to enrich the life of your child. Thank you for your support of our schools and teachers. Thank you for answering both the positive and concerned phone calls from our teachers and principals and for your steady commitment to making sure your child stays on track. Thank you for bed times, for shutting off the TV, and for asking every day "how was your day?" even when the answer is consistently a grunt or a groan. Thank for helping us "Hit the Mark" by getting your kids to school and developing excellent attendance habits. Remember, this is one thing that will make a lifetime of difference! Finally, thank you for your trust in us to educate your child.

Thank you to our school faculty for the hard work you do every day and your commitment to our kids. Thank you for keeping our offices organized, our schools clean, our students fed, our parking lots plowed and our children healthy. Thank you for teaching everyday with passion, with enthusiasm and the superhuman zest it requires to motivate a seventh grader to complete their homework. Thank you for seeing the best in our students and for breathing hope into every lesson.

Thank you to our entire Board of Education, Mayor, Town Council, and Legislative Delegates for your support and advocacy of our school system. Thank you for your support of the finances and resources that are so needed to provide a high-quality experience for our children. Thank you for your willingness to work together and for making sure that we keep the future of our town and the children in our schools our priority.

And finally, thank you to the incredible kids that fill the hallways and classrooms of our schools. From the ECLC to East Hartford High, you inspire us with your resiliency, ability and potential. Thank you for wearing your school uniforms with pride and for representing us so well both in the concert hall and on the athletic field. Thank you for doing homework, raising your hand, being kind to your classmates and standing up for the right thing. In a world where the critics question the future, we can assure them the future is bright for East Hartford—you are our future.

Thanksgiving is an important time where we all get that opportunity to ask for seconds on both gratitude and gravy...Why not take advantage of both?

If we can be of service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience (Mr. Hall—hall.br@easthartford.org, Mr. Quesnel – 860-622-5107 or quesnel.nd@easthartford.org).

Thankfully with Great East Hartford Pride!



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