From the Principal's Desk:

December 1, 2017

Dear Flatirons' Families:

I hope everyone was able to slow down a little bit last week with family and friends. It was nice to have some time off, but I was ready to have kids and staff back in the building. I have enjoyed hearing about many of your adventures as I have talked to kids this week. At school, we are hard at work again looking forward to the winter holiday in three weeks. I would like to share two things that are going on.

*Flatirons Gear: This fall we gave families the opportunity to purchase Flatirons shirts and hoodies with our new logo for this year. I know many students and staff participated. I have already seen many kids with their new gear on. I encourage kids to wear their stuff anytime during the week. The staff wears our gear on Fridays. It would be great to have everyone wear this year's gear, and items from other years on Fridays as a show of pride for our great school.

*Hour of Code: The Hour of Code this year is December 4th through the 10th. This is now referred to as the Computer Science in Education Week, and it is a worldwide event that introduces students to computer science to demystify code and show that anyone can learn the basics. On Monday, during our "Maker Mondays" in the library third, fourth and fifth graders will be coding using Scratch. **Scratch** is a free programming language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Each child has a username and password and is able to access Scratch from home. Other grades have different coding activities planned.

This is the last newsletter for the calendar year so I would like to end by saying Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to each one of our families. I hope the coming winter break will allow everyone the chance to spend time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Scott Boesel, Principal