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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of LaSalle Elementary,

We welcome a Winter Break. We have so many positive things going on that I hope your children are taking advantage of our excellent programs. We keep improving our programs and we evaluate our classes and offerings so they improve year by year. We welcome your suggestions. We need your feedback so please write or call me if you want something offered or changed, etc.

Lincoln and Northwest Schools were awarded a "Spotlight School Award" again this year. This means that the schools are "high performing schools that are beating the 'achievement gap'". This is the fourth year Northwest has been named a Spotlight School. There were 447 schools in Illinois that were named Spotlight Schools in 2007. This is the second year for Lincoln to be nominated for the Spotlight School in addition to receiving the Academic Improvement Award for "making substantial gains over three years." There were 1,031 schools that received this award. Last year the entire district was named one of the three districts in Illinois making substantial academic growth. Jackson School has continued to impress the State. It has grown leaps and bounds over the years, and this staff has presented at state conferences and meetings.

There is one way you can help your student be successful; encourage him/her to get involved in an activity at school. It can be band, chorus, art, extra-curricular sports, sports team activities and/or clubs. The more activities your child is involved in the more positively he/she becomes about the whole educational experience. By this involvement you can be assured that his/her attitude and achievement will improve. We also know that the more a student is involved at school the less likely he/she will be involved with negative activities outside of school. Once they participate at this level the more likely that they will continue at the high school level.

The mission of the La Salle Public Elementary Schools is *to provide a nurturing, challenging learning environment in order to assist all students in becoming lifelong learners and socially responsible citizens.* We want them to be successful in high school so that they can go on and choose an interesting profession. One that they enjoy, and one that helps them to reach their maximum potential. Happy Holidays!

Your educational advocate,

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