

Dear Parents,

I reprise a letter written to Bridge Point families at this same time last year. It is an important message during this season. Read it...and read it again.

“We are working very hard to keep it calm and quiet at Bridge Point over the next couple of weeks. With the excitement of the holiday season, culminating performances for extra-curricular activities (including those of brothers and sisters), the march to a state championship by the Chaps football team, decorations, parties and guests, life is a whirlwind for our community.

For seven hours each day your child will be in a very predictable atmosphere; one they know well and fully understand. The work we have done to clarify boundaries, shore up resilience, maintain routines and hone systems pays off during a period like this. Important teaching and learning are going to occur during the next 11 days.

I coach you to fully absorb the season and anticipate the excitement of two weeks vacation together with your family. At the same time I ask you, on behalf of your child and your child’s teacher, to be mindful of age, stamina and capacities. Like us, hard working students need their rest and their play. Watch them and listen as well. They read our stress levels much better than we do. For the health of your home and for a school full of fresh and ready learners, slow down, sit quietly, hug warmly and intentionally create peace. If we do, we will all more greatly enjoy this fun and full season.”