

Dear Parents,

Bingo Night was a thorough success. Every seat at every table in the gym and cafeteria was filled. It was SRO on the edges. The energy was thundering. The kids were great. Janita Lavani and Stacy Dalton were magnificent organizers and can-do leaders. Their committee nailed it. And Brian Krpec, highly experienced and super effective MC/Number Caller, kept the pace and all of us together for the entire evening. It is not a huge money maker...that wasn't the objective...but it was a wonderful Bridge Point community gathering.

We are almost to March. Though February's INTEGRITY is a favorite Life Skill emphasis of mine, one of the most real is our March Life Skill...PERSEVERANCE. Those of us who have seen lots of 3rd Quarters note this stretch of a school year and how resilience is thinned and maintenance is a challenge. We think it has to do with the absence of a "light at the end of the tunnel". Spring Break just doesn't seem real and the end of the year is way out there. When we return from Spring Break there is an energy surge. But for now, we must persevere.

All endeavors have challenging elements. Working through the challenge requires perseverance and those who don't persevere tend not to be successful. The purpose of our daily Life Skill discussion is to identify and define qualities necessary to succeed. Perseverance is a big one. Nobody said it was going to be easy but if we do not intentionally stick it out, it is always harder. We'll be talking Perseverance all March and before we know it, the hard stuff will be behind us and the fun straight ahead!