From Jennifer Malone

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. — Winston Churchill

Which way do you tend to be? Do you usually expect the best or the worst in life? Research indicates our brains may play a role in whether or not we tend to lean toward optimism or pessimism, but that doesn’t mean we can’t learn to be more optimistic. How do we do that? We simply pay attention to our negative thoughts and do our best to replace them with positive and hopeful ones. As Winston Churchill said, the more positive our thoughts, the more likely we are to see the opportunity in every difficulty, and that kind of optimism can help determine our level of health and happiness.

Special thanks to Carly Henson for all the work on acquiring business partners for our school. She has been out pounding the pavement to help our school gain needed funds. Tonight is Raise some Dough with Dominos, so if you’re in the mood for pizza, take advantage of this offer. I also appreciate her taking on the 25th Anniversary tree painting project. Please be cooperative and work with our parent volunteers to accomplish this endeavor.

Just a word of caution – because I care about you! Be wary about things you post on social network sites. Never mention the names of students or refer to incidents here at school. We are trusted by parents to treat student information confidentially, and the same goes for information regarding your colleagues who work here. Even if you protect your account to be seen by trusted friends, this information can take on a “life of its own.”

We will have a Leadership Team meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the library.

Our Positive Behavioral Support Team will meet next Wednesday at 1:00 in Nancy Lee’s room.

Make sure you are diligent in forwarding me your lesson plans and weekly parent notes.

Mark your calendar for December 11 – this is the Eaton Christmas Party at Cheyenne & Adam Rust’s home. Thanks Cheyenne!

The Loudon County Spelling Bee will be held on Nov. 16 at LHS starting at 6:30. The rules were changed this year and all of our school winners will be eligible to spell at the regional bee. While this is great for our spellers, I’m concerned that with only 8 spellers the attendance at the bee might be low. I hope that some of you will plan to attend to encourage and cheer on Suzanne McQuilkin.

If you do handwritten report cards, make sure we have a copy in the office. Electronic users should make sure a copy has been saved to
Christmas Party – Rust home

- Dec. 13 – Dana Martindale’s birthday
- Dec. 15 – Jamie Dixon’s birthday
- Dec. 15 – Payday & Principal’s Meeting
- Dec. 16 – Leadership Team Meeting 3:30
- Dec. 19 – Last Day prior to Christmas Break
- Dec. 20-Jan. 4 – Christmas Break
- Dec. 23 – Billy McAmis’ birthday
- Dec. 29 – Donna Butler’s birthday
- Jan. 4 – Administrative Day for Teachers
- Jan. 5 – Amanda Morse’s birthday
- Jan. 5 – Students Return

your teacher folder on Craig’s server. Craig can help if you forgot the steps to do this.

**Bus Duty Next Week...**

Morning – J. Wilson, Townley, Talley

Afternoon – Martindale, McKee, Morse