



Dear Teachers & Staff,

Winston Churchill once said, "A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." While he obviously was not talking about COVID-19, we can certainly apply his logic to our current situation. This year started out on an uncertain path. Many believed that we would never stay in school beyond a couple weeks, but together, you proved them wrong. Next, they said that we could not possibly make it to Halloween, then Thanksgiving, now it looks like we will likely make it all the way to Christmas Break without switching to remote learning. As a Board, we recognize that this is only the case because you, the Teachers and Staff of ECCA, chose to take the view of the optimist rather than the pessimist. Because of you, our students have been able to grow and learn for an entire semester, when most schools are struggling to reach their kids at all. For this, our Board, Parents and Kids will be eternally grateful, and you should be proud! We recognize that none of this was accomplished without personal sacrifice, struggle and ingenuity on your part. You were asked to deal with a situation that seemed impossible, and yet, you stepped up. We are not out of the woods yet, but if the past is any indication, we will persevere together to the end of these crazy times.

All this to say the sincerest "Thank You" - Thank You for loving our kids, Thank You for making them feel safe, Thank You for being there for them. We will continue to stand beside you and we will choose to be the optimist!

Enjoy your Holidays & your well-deserved break.

Humbly,

Your ECCA Board