

## **A Cedar Mountain Thank You**

Thank you for a wonderful first half of the school year at Cedar Mountain. Student activities, sports, musical programs, theatre productions, and academic success mark the first 4 months of the 2017-2018 school year. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all they have done in making the start of this school year one of the best ever! We have had a productive start with our staff and students engaged in teaching and learning.

The spirit of giving at Cedar Mountain extends far beyond the holiday season. So far this year, our students and staff have adopted 100 angels through the "Adopt An Angel" program and bought presents for them. The Socktober event organized by the Cedar Mountain Blue Crue provided over 500 pairs of socks to a homeless shelter in St. Paul. Cedar Mountain Elementary donated 1,298 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. Our Yellow Ribbon group sponsored a food drive to benefit "We Care". The volleyball team held their "Kill Cancer" event in October. National Honor Society members hosted Santa Day in Morgan.

School events are an important part of our school and communities. A listing of events can be found on the school's website at [www.cms.mntm.org](http://www.cms.mntm.org). I also encourage you to visit our social media accounts as we highlight student events and achievements, along with what is happening in your child's school and across the district.

As a district, we are always working to improve. We are very proud that we have a 96% attendance rate in the MS/HS. In the elementary, we increased the number of students with perfect attendance, compared to last year's data. Students are being recognized for their academic achievements and positive, respectful behavior. Cedar Mountain is a great school as a result of the collective efforts of our teachers, students, administrators, parents, and community.

I consider it a privilege to work with our students, parents, community members, and the numerous individuals who help to make our district outstanding. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.

## **Christmas Break**

Remember that school will resume at Cedar Mountain on Tuesday, January 2. Have a great break.