

December 5, 2011

Dear Islanders,

Today's topic is Celebration. After completing two surveys today in BRIDGES, you will begin discussing ways to celebrate during next Monday's BRIDGES when we begin the last week in the 2011 school calendar. Celebration is universal among all the cultures of the world. **But have you ever thought about WHY we celebrate and WHAT we celebrate?**

Last Friday we had a celebration assembly where we took time to recognize all of our fall clubs, sports teams, and music programs. We honored outstanding accomplishments of students and staff. We participated in acknowledging the achievement of Jeff Lindquist for his placement on the top one hundred high school football players in the United States. **WHY was this assembly important to us as a school and community?**

Ancient cultures celebrated the equinox. Today there are still tribal cultures that celebrate a successful hunt. In our culture we celebrate birthdays, weddings, retirements, historical events, and victories. Our calendar is full of dates when we take time to celebrate. Some examples are New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, and Veteran's Day. Many of us will also be celebrating religious holidays over winter break. **WHAT do we value enough to celebrate?**

Celebration has always been important to the human experience. **WHY do all human beings celebrate?**

I challenge you today to talk about the value of celebrations in our lives as you plan ahead for BRIDGES on Monday, December 12th.

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