

What a wonderful time of year! We have completed Halloween and Thanksgiving and now we are just about to my favorite time of year, Christmas Break. As is the case with many of you, I will be working the vast majority of the time that the students are off, but I love to see the children outside playing in the snow. It is during this time of year that we get a chance to reflect on the year that has been and look forward to a fresh start for a new year.

I as am writing this I am enjoying the falling snow outside of my window and enjoying the company of the people I am privileged to work with day in and day out. I am also grateful for the men and women that take time out of their busy lives to be on our school board. Being a board member is sometimes a thankless job, but without their time and dedication, we would not be the great district that we are today. Please take some time the next time you see a member of the Valdez City School Board to thank them for their time and for their willingness to make decisions. Sometimes the decisions are tough, and sometimes they are less so, but always, they are important.

Our school district is currently working to do more with less, as are many of us. The district office is working to create a three year budget plan that will allow us to better allocate our resources to insure that they are being used effectively. We currently have many items which need repairs and we are working with the city to expedite those needed repairs. We have needs ranging from a new Junior High Building to updating our antiquated heating systems. We appreciate the City of Valdez for all of the hard work that they do for us to allow us to educate the students the best way possible. It is only by working together and having great partnerships that we are able to move not only the school district forward, but the entire town.

We live in difficult times and we as a district are grateful for the parents of our students. As parents you do so much for your children and we see that daily in our schools. If there is ever anything that I can do to help, please call me at 835-4357 or stop by the district office.