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Dear CES Families:

As we approach our 100th day of school, we begin to celebrate the middle of the year. We can be proud of our accomplishments and we can plan for the goodness to come in the second half of the year.

The Board of Education approved the continuation of half day Wednesdays for the remainder of the year this past Tuesday. We sent home revised calendars today. This decision allows us all to know what our schedule will be and to plan for it through the end of the school year. We thank you for the generosity and care you have shown this year, both in how you have followed all protocols, and how you have supported our instructional efforts.

Planning for the second half of the year includes selecting a theme song for Grade 4 and preparing songs for end of year celebrations. Today I spoke with our music teacher, Ms. Tackett, and she shared a song that she began to teach the 3rd and 4th graders this week. It supports the ideas of Second Step such as belonging, empathy and community. Below please lyrics to a song by Harry Styles called Treat People with Kindness:

*And if we're here long enough
They'll sing a song for us
And we'll belong*

*Maybe we can
Find a place to feel good
And we can treat people with kindness
Find a place to feel good*

As lovely as these words are, it is the response of one of our 4th graders to the song that brought tears to my eyes. It was reported to me that he pointed to his heart, and reflected that we can all find a place to feel good, inside of ourselves, because **“we all have goodness in our souls.”**

Please take the time to enjoy one another this weekend. Play and eat and be safe. We are fortunate that we all have found a place to feel good, here together at CES.

Wishing you the best, Miss Cary