

**Friday, December 21, 2019**

**As we finally embark on a long-awaited (and richly deserved) vacation...**

1. Guess what **Jayne Skinner** got for Christmas this year. Another **grandson**! Jayne's son, Stephen, welcomed his second child (Alex) last night, just before midnight. If you saw Jayne racing out of here on two wheels yesterday afternoon, now you know why. Congratulations, Jayne!

2. Among the things we hope students will NOT find in their Christmas stockings this year:



Those are not markers or highlighters. They're **Suorin Vagon vaporizer pods**, supposedly the **next big thing** in vaping. We hear they're rapidly becoming more popular among teens in this area, so keep an eye out for them in your classrooms.

3. The corridors tend to get a little busier than usual in the days before any vacation. In addressing hall wanderers, we've noticed a significant number without **passes**. Please remain consistent in requiring students to either take a lanyard or fill out a regular paper pass. If you need more passes, please let us know.

4. If you've looked ahead on your calendar, you may have noticed that we only have twelve school days until the start of midyear exams. Time flies! It's also worth noting that midyear **exams for Foreign Language classes begin on Jan. 9th**. Please be aware that your students will be preparing for those exams almost immediately after we return from vacation.

5. Earlier this week, **Maureen McCarthy-Dunn** (one of our first-year para-educators) received an early Christmas present she and her family will never forget. At a courthouse in Lowell, Maureen and her husband officially became the parents of their newly-adopted son, four-year-old Michael. She has been grinning ear-to-ear ever since. And if you're lucky enough to know Maureen, you're aware that this smile is highly contagious.

I hope all of you catch that smile, too, and have a wonderful vacation. You deserve it!

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