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Dear Panther Families,

As we turkey-trot toward Thanksgiving, and in recognition of this month's focus on gratitude, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support and engagement. We are truly grateful for our strong Panther community and all that you do to partner with us to support your children and help us make our schools a safe, welcoming, and positive environment for learning.

The end of October featured an incredible partnership initiative with FedEx, as they conducted Operation Warm, delivering over 500 new hats, gloves and coats to Hilbert Elementary students. Throughout the day, students proudly showed off their new winter gear, walking through the halls with a renewed sense of confidence and excitement. Seeing the joy on their faces was truly heartwarming.

These special gifts will not only keep our students warm through Michigan's cold winter months, but the memories created from this experience will last a lifetime. We appreciate FedEx through the generosity of their "FedEx Cares" program and hope this is the start of a long-term relationship with them.

This month, some of our local U.S. Military veterans were rightfully honored during Beech Elementary's "Hall of Heroes" event. Students and their families created pages to recognize our veterans and thank them for their years of service. This event also allowed our students to learn about the values of commitment, courage, and sacrifice our Armed Forces display every day. Thank you to all those honored in this event, as well as others across the community who served in the Armed Forces.

As Thanksgiving approaches, please remember that school will be closed from Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29. At Redford Union Schools, we are especially thankful for our students, families, teachers, and other staff who help support a school community that honors the past while embracing the future. We hope you enjoy a restful Thanksgiving break filled with joy, gratitude, and family time.

Together, we are continuing to create a community where every day is a great day to be a Panther!

Sincerely,

Jasen Witt
Superintendent