From the Principal's Desk…

We can't seem to get away from winter weather! The recent blast of cold air and snow reminds us that spring is still several weeks away!

Need a "pick me up" to get you out of those winter doldrums? Then I invite you and your family to attend the Midland CUSD#7's performance of "**Bye, Bye Birdie"** on Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th, starting at 7 pm at Midland High School. You can read more details about some of our teachers and students who will be participating in this wonderful performance in this month's newsletter!

Our 3rd and 4th grade teachers and students have been working hard in preparation for the upcoming Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT), which begin on Monday, March 3rd. These tests help us to determine how our students are performing in comparison with other students across the state. It is very important that all of our 3rd and 4th graders are at school, on time each day of this important testing week!

It is the time of year that we begin planning for the Starting Blocks Pre-Kindergarten program and Kindergarten enrollment for the 2008-09 school year. Information about registration for our upcoming April screening dates is also included in the newsletter this month. For those families with 3, 4 and 5 year old children, please take note of this important information!

Our Spring Break begins with a 2:25 dismissal on Thursday, March 20th. School will resume on Wednesday, March 26th. I hope that you and your family enjoy this time away from school together and that maybe the weather will allow everyone to participate in some fun outside spring-time activities together.

Happy Easter!
Julie Albers, Principal