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KENDALL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK KENDALL FAMILIES!

WELCOME FOR THE **FIRST** TIME KENDALL KINDERGARTENERS
AND NEW STUDENTS!

Summer 2009

Dear Kendall Families:

It is with sincere excitement that I welcome you all back to the 2009-2010 school year! I know there remains a few weeks of summer vacation left, so do enjoy every minute. As far as summer goes at Kendall School - there is much to share. It is a very busy time as we plan the opening of Kendall School. As we prepare for a new year of learning and discovery we will continue to be the positive and safe environment for improving student learning and high achievement.

This year will include many familiar routines and practices. The essentials will be outlined and provided in this packet for ALL new families as well as those who are returning. The Kendall Parent Handbook will be available on line at <http://kendall.ipeds.org> for more detailed information regarding Kendall's policies and procedures. Hard copies will also be available in the school office. In addition, District 204's Parent-Student Handbook is available on line at <http://www.ipeds.org>.

Effective communication supports and provides students with the best possible support to be successful. Continued opportunities will be offered electronically. Messages from our school office will be posted on our building website <http://kendall.ipeds.org> and our listserv. We strongly encourage you to also subscribe to Kendall and the district electronic news which can be accessed from the Kendall's web page. You will also receive Connect Ed phone messages from me throughout the school year. Effective communication is also supported with personal contact to our school office (630-428-7100) if you have any questions or concerns. We are happy to hear from you!

Classroom assignments for 2009-2010 school year will be sent home by post card delivery the week of August 3rd.

Our school district is adjusting the start time for students on Wednesday mornings for the 2009-2010 school year. During this time school wide professional development opportunities are made available for our teachers. Collaborative work to improve student learning will occur each Wednesday before school. The start of the school day will be adjusted slightly. Elementary students will begin school at 9:15 am instead of the usual 9:05. If you are unable to make the 10 minute adjustment you will be allowed to drop off your child at 8:50 am as on other days. Supervision will be provided. Please feel free to call our school office for clarification as we work through this adjustment on Wednesday mornings.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:50 am doors open – 9:05 am school begins
Wednesdays only – 9:00 am doors open – 9:15 am school begins

Staffing decisions were shared in May of last school year. Here is a reminder:

- Mrs. Donovan will move to third grade.
- Mrs. Harrington will move to third grade.
- Mrs. Stedman retired.
- Mrs. Newport will be moving to our central office. She has accepted the position of Instructional Strategist.
- Mrs. Eckert, support teacher, will join the staff at Builta Elementary.
- Mrs. Faith will return to fifth grade.

Our support team will be joined by:

- Mrs. Sharon Opp – support teacher
- Ms. Laura Scanlan – speech/language pathologist

Our ten year anniversary tile wall has been completed. It is located in the main office hallway. Student portraits look amazing. Our patriots are certainly artistically talented. Be sure to visit the wall: Kendall, Our Future Starts Here when you come to Meet & Greet on August 17th. Don't miss it!

Kendall School needs your help to maximize its potential. A partnership amongst parents, staff and children is vitally important. Please help to foster this partnership by attending school functions and monitoring your child's educational progress. If you have the time, volunteer to work in some capacity through our PTA. Together we WILL make a difference!

I hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer vacation. I look forward to an exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Lena Guerrieri
Principal