

September 2, 2009

Welcome back – students, staff and families! WE are pleased to welcome close to five hundred students to our school. I am excited to welcome some new staff to our team.

Kaatri Jones is joining us as our new counselor.

#Aimee Nadeau will be our additional part time resource room teacher.

#Sarah Condreay will be teaching fifth grade while Tiffany Udman is being a stay-at-home mother until the New Year.

#Brandon Glanzer and Lisa Goering will be job sharing in a fifth grade class. Brandon did his student teaching with Mrs. Gallaher and Lisa has been on maternity leave.

#Corinne Turner will be stepping into our speech pathology position while Janie Rooney is on leave.

Susan Vargo will join us as a paraprofessional in our resource room.

We have made some changes in our school discipline this year. We are promoting a positive school culture where students are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE. The staff is committed to helping all students to know and understand the rules. They will be taught in the classroom and reinforced throughout the school. There will no longer be an “infraction” system. Rather, teachers will be working with students and informing parents if there are habitual or disruptive behaviors.

On the positive side, staff members will be given tickets to hand out to students for great behavior. Once a month there will be a drawing from the tickets for 10 students per grade level to have lunch with the principal. Waterslides or other special privileges will be provided to all students who follow the rules on a consistent basis.

Our Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, September 24th. Third grade will begin at 6:30 p.m. **(this time is different from the district calendar)** in the Performing Arts Center. Fourth (in the multipurpose room) and fifth grades (in the PAC) will begin at 7:15 p.m. **We hope to see everyone here!!!**

Sincerely,

Kathy Newport