



From the Principal's Desk



May/ June, 2008



Dear Parents/ Guardians:

This newsletter is written to ensure a smooth closing to the 2007-2008 school year. Accompanied with this newsletter is a calendar of important dates regarding field trips, promotional ceremonies, and other information to ensure that each student has a successful completion of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in the following areas.

Uniforms

It is expected that each child continues to wear his or her uniform each day. Please note that **jeans** are not considered a part of the school uniform.

Attendance

It is most important that each child attends school, and remains for the full day. Valuable instruction and skills are being covered each day of school.

Arrival and Dismissal

It is expected that children arrive on time to school. We have experienced situations where students are arriving before supervision begins, which is 7:30 a.m. In other cases, students are arriving 30 minutes to over an hour after the tardy bell has sounded.

Further, students are reportedly coming *back* on campus *after hours*. Please help with the safety of your children by ensuring that they arrive to school on time and are picked up from school on time.

Last Week of School

Please note that students are not to bring backpacks to school during the last week of school. Please note that students will be dismissed early during the last week of school, as reflected in the chart below.

Level	Normal School Day	Last Three Days of School (June 3, 4, and 5, 2008)
PK-1 2-5/6	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope



Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your child's final report card once ready for distribution during the summer. You may start sending envelopes in now to your child's teacher.



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2008 – 2009 Early Enrollment for Kindergarten

All children who will be age 5 on or before September 1 in the upcoming school year 2008-2009 are eligible to attend kindergarten. Registration is now open between the hours of 8:00am – 3:30pm. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to enroll their children early.

Homework/ Home Learning Assignments

Please ensure that your child continues to complete homework assignments. Homework will continue to be assigned each night, in accordance to Miami-Dade County policies regarding homework/ home learning assignments.

Textbooks

Please ensure that your child returns all textbooks and media books. If your child lost textbooks or media books, payment must be made to replace them. Children who lost a textbook or media book will be informed along with the cost to replace the lost item.

Parent Survey

Included with this newsletter is a survey for each parent to complete and return to school. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our home-to-school partnership. The results of the survey will give us information to better serve our parents for the 2008-2009 school year. Your prompt completion and return of the survey is greatly appreciated.

Way to Go Fourth Graders!

Congratulations to our fourth graders and their teachers for their outstanding performance on the *FCAT Writing+* Assessment. **Ninety-six** percent of our students scored a level 3 and above, and **eighty-three** percent scored a level 3.5 and above. We appreciate and congratulate the efforts put forth by both our students and teachers.

Grade 3 Parents

Students in third grade, who do not score at FCAT Achievement Level 2 or above on the reading portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), will be permitted to take the test during the summer. More information will be provided once the scores are released and we know the children to whom this applies.



Please complete, detach, and return this portion of this newsletter to the principal's office by your child to confirm your receipt. Each child who returns this form **and the parent survey**, will receive a treat from the principal ☺

Parent's Signature

Child's Name

Teacher's Name