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JUNE 2009 NEWS!



DEAR PARENTS:

A SCHOOL YEAR OF GREAT WORK!

Thank you for all of your support! We have accomplished a great deal this year. Our School Charter was renewed for another five years. We opened our new addition, which included primary classes, a new office suite, an enlarged health clinic, and a pre-kindergarten class, which is operated by the YMCA. Our parent support increased. We purchased thousands of books. Hundreds of student projects were completed and displayed. Many field trips were taken. These are only a few of the many activities that contributed to our success. Thank you, again.

REPORT CARDS

Kindergarten – 2nd grade report cards will be given to students the last day of school, June 24, 2009.
3rd – 8th grade report cards will be mailed on June 29, 2009, to the address on file.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Once again, we had a tremendous fine arts program.

✓ **DRAMA DEPARTMENT**

Under the direction of Mr. Feldman, and with the support of many staff members, our students presented four performances of ***Mulan***. The performance, which included 150+ students, involved set designs, costumes, the school band, the school choir, student dancers, and many parent volunteers.

✓ **SCHOOL BANDS**

Our concert band and jazz band, under Mr. Skinner's direction, competed in the Darien Lake competition and brought two first place trophies back to school!

✓ **SCHOOL CHOIR**

Our school choir, under Mr. Williams' direction, performed just as well at their Darien Lake competition. They returned to school with two first place trophies!

✓ **M&T BANK PLAZA EVENTS**

All three fine arts groups performed spectacularly at the plaza event series on June 11, 2009. We really entertained the lunchtime crowd!

Congratulations!!!!

SUMMER SCHOOL

- ✓ Our summer program will be from July 6 – August 14, 2009. **ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED.** It is very crucial that they attend. Students who are not in school during the summer lose a great deal of their progress. During the summer, we will work to increase our reading and math skills. Students will be enrolled in classes with their September teachers. 95% of our staff will be teaching. Applications have been sent home. If you have not returned your child's application, you will receive a call from us. We are aiming for 100% enrollment.
- ✓ **YMCA DAY CAMP:** During the afternoon, Kdg – 5th grade students will participate in our YMCA Day Camp program, directed by Mr. Willis, our School Counselor. Students will enjoy swimming, art, drama, snacks and field trips. Character Education will also be taught during the afternoon.
- ✓ **SUMMER UNIFORMS:** Students are still expected to wear uniforms. They may choose to wear the regular uniform (no ties during the summer), or summer uniforms. Summer uniforms consist of Westminster tee shirts, shorts, and black sneakers (which may double as the P.E. uniform). For safety, neither sandals nor flip flops are allowed.

MAYOR BROWN'S SUMMER READING LIST

Each student will receive a summer reading list that was published by our Mayor. Most of the books are available in our library, which will be open for circulation during the summer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books should have been returned. We have to minimize our loss of books. Please return all books by Friday, June 19, 2009. You will receive a letter listing the non-returned books and a bill in the mail for any books your child has lost.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

WE NEED YOUR HELP! As you well know, we have spent millions of dollars on our school facility to bring the best to our children. Recently, there has been a rash of damage to our building, broken windows, graffiti on the pre-kindergarten playground, and damage to the fence around the basketball court. Most of this has occurred during the hours when we have no school. We do have cameras! And, we have caught and are working to prosecute any vandals. But we need your help, also. Please help us protect what is ours. Call the police and report any vandalism. The Buffalo Police Department has stepped up patrol in our area.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 18	8 th Grade State Science Exam New Parent Orientation – 3:30 p.m.
June 19	Kdg – 6 th Grades: Fantasy Island
June 22	Pre-Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 a.m.
June 23	Kindergarten Graduation – 9:30 a.m.
June 24	8 th Grade Graduation – 9:30 a.m.
July 6 – August 14	Last Day of School for Students Summer School Program

