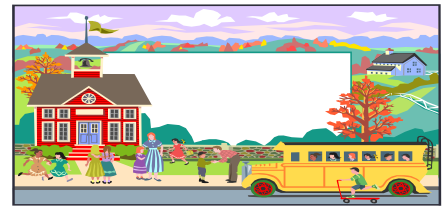


Don Brewer Elementary School

August 24, 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year and welcome to Don Brewer Elementary School. As your Principal, I am very excited and inspired by the progress that the students and faculty at Don Brewer have made and even more encouraged by the gains that we are making toward achieving greater excellence. I recognize that it is a privilege to serve your children. Consequently, one of the most enjoyable aspects of my job as principal is meeting and interacting with parents of the students we serve. I share your commitment to your child's education and am always available to meet with you to discuss your child's success at Don Brewer Elementary School.

This year again, we will continue to focus on *literacy* through ***Writer's Workshop and Reader's Workshop***. Once again, we will use the ***Math Investigations*** curriculum to guide our Math Workshop. We will also continue to teach the science and social studies standards. As we go through this year, we ask for your continued support and encouragement in this educational process for your student.

We have enclosed in this packet some very valuable information and forms for you to return. Please review all of them and take the time to complete these necessary forms for registration. The Student Code of Conduct, along with our school-wide discipline plan, is included in this packet. Please read and discuss this document with your child and use your child's folder or agenda planner for important information regarding guidelines for our school. These forms should be returned to your child's teacher **by Wednesday, August 26, 2009.**

Also enclosed in this packet are the Volunteer Screening Applications. If you plan to volunteer at any time during the 2009-2010 school year, you must complete an application, submit it to the school, and make sure you are cleared before participating as a volunteer.

A few reminders:

- ☆ The first bell rings at 8:25 and school begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- ☆ **No student should arrive to school before 8:00 a.m.**
- ☆ The cost of lunch is \$1.50, reduced lunch 40 cents; Breakfast is \$1.00, reduced breakfast is 30 cents.
- ☆ Students should be in attendance every day (unless illness or emergencies prevent them from being here). In order to learn, students ***must*** be in school. For more information about excused absences, please see the Code of Conduct.
- ☆ Traffic patterns for loading and unloading students should be observed.
- ☆ Only the carport drive should be used to drop off and pick up students. No vehicular traffic is allowed in the bus-loading zone. ***Only buses should use the designated bus area for loading and unloading.***
- ☆ **We will not be able to check students out or call after 2:15 p.m. Please do not ask us to veer from this policy in order to avoid carport traffic.**
- ☆ Contact your child's teacher ***first*** regarding any problem or concern.
- ☆ Our hallways are crowded in the mornings. Parents who walk their children into the building should drop them off at the entrance to their specific hallway. Patrols, teachers, and paraprofessionals are on duty to provide assistance when needed.
- ☆ ***For safety issues, please do not signal your child(ren) to cross the bus loading zone or from the sidewalk to the parking lot..***

We have established a safety procedure for entrance into our school. All visitors should enter through the main office and will be given a visitor pass to the destination within the school. Please follow this procedure for the safety and welfare of our students and staff. If we should ask, please know that this measure is to ensure that safety of all our students.

Please remember that students should not arrive on campus before 8:00 a.m. There will not be any supervision for these children. Dismissal concludes at 3:00.

Our Open House is ***Thursday, September 3rd***. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please stop by our literacy and school information tables.

We also want to encourage you to join P.T.A. and become a member of our School Advisory Council.

Our theme this year is "Don Brewer Elementary School....Where Great Minds Grow and Students Bloom?". Our teachers and staff are planting great seeds for learning to watch our Don Brewer children bloom. Let's get ready for the most fruitful school year.

Sincerely,

Marianne G. Lee
Principal