

## **WELCOME! SPECIAL DATES AND REMINDERS**

Wednesday, August 19, 2015 - (PK4-Grade 8) Back to School Visits 9:00 – 11:00 (optional). Although not all teachers will be back from vacation, the school will be open and the students will be able to visit their new classrooms.

### **Monday, August 24, 2015 – CLASSES BEGIN**

Classes begin on Monday, August 24, 2015 for all students in Grades 1 – 8 from 7:50 to 11:00. Students will begin wearing uniforms.

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – Regular sessions (7:50-3:00) begin for all students in Grades 1-8. After school care begins.

### **Busses will begin running on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.**

### **KINDERGARTEN CLASSES**

Kindergarten classes begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Kindergarteners will have shortened days Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday –7:50–11:00 a.m.

### **KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**

Kindergarten parents, please plan to remain at school for a short 30-minute visit on opening day, Tuesday, August 25, 2015. We will be there to spend some time with you, and to answer questions or concerns. Our Parent Association will be serving light refreshments, and will introduce you to their fine organization.

### **PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

3-year olds and parents are invited to come Thursday, August 27, 2015, (assigned times); classes to begin on Thursday, September 3, 2015.

PK4 classes will begin on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

### **EIGHTH GRADE TRIP**

The eighth graders can once again look forward to their class field trip. A long and exciting day in historic Springfield, Illinois is being planned for October! It promises to be a memorable experience.

### **PHYSICALS – GRADES PRE-SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND 6TH**

All children must have a physical examination before entrance into Pre-School, Kindergarten and Sixth Grade. If your forms are not in, please include them in your mail-in registration packet. Also, all 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> students who will be participating in our volleyball and/or basketball leagues will need a completed sports physical before the first scheduled practice game.

## **DRESS CODE AND STUDENT APPEARANCE**

Please be reminded that the purpose of our dress code is to maintain an appropriate decorum for school. We all need to be on board, and parents, we need your help. If your child was sporting a fad haircut for the summer, please be sure that the “back to school cuts” are according to our dress code guidelines. Boys may not have tracks, tails, bowl cuts, or layered shavings. Dyed, colored, and streaked hair is not in compliance with our dress code and will not be permitted. Make-up, false nails and nail polish are also prohibited. Also, students need to wear safe shoes. (Girls, No Flip Flops Please!). Girls may have outgrown their uniforms. Please make sure lengths are appropriate. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank You.

## **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

The Busses will begin on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The bus schedule is published and determined by the Addison School District. Those schedules will be sent home the first week of school to eligible students. Permission can never be given to non-registered bus students to use the bus.

Bus schedules and stops are arranged so that students will not walk an excessive distance or wait prolonged periods at the bus stop.

Busses may arrive at the bus stop shortly before or after the scheduled pick-up. Please plan to arrive at the stop approximately five minutes before time. Also, since literally thousands of Addison children are transported each day, occasionally busses will be late. There are unexpected traffic variables that can come into play, so we need to be patient especially in the beginning weeks when new drivers and new routes are being fine-tuned. Bus routes are in place and cannot be revised to accommodate specific family requests. We are pleased with the bus transportation that District 4 provides. This is a valuable service to our school.

### **Just a few other bus reminders:**

For safety reasons, children riding on the bus are not allowed to move from one seat to another, nor shout, kneel on the seat, put hands out the window, eat, or annoy others, etc. Continual disregard of these rules may result in temporary or permanent suspension of bus transportation. Bus riders are not to ride a bus other than their assigned one.

In the event that your child does not arrive at home on his/her assigned bus, immediately call the principal's office. A systematic check will then be conducted. It is important to know whom your child's friends are, where they live and their telephone numbers.

Insist that your child know the following information:

Name, address, telephone number, bus number and run, general location of your home (i.e. Foxdale, Westridge, Farmwood, etc.)

Children who miss the bus at school should go directly to the school office and report that they have missed the bus.

Please be assured that the new Kindergarten riders will be carefully directed to their assigned busses, and will also be given an older bus partner to help them to their bus.

We look forward to a safe and efficient year with our District 4 bus.