



Ayers Happenings'-August 2010

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Dear Parents and Families:

Summer is a busy time in our schools. A lot has transpired this summer as we prepare for the 2010-2011 academic year:



Our Summer Reading Program is in full swing! Students should be tracking their reading in their logs to turn in on the first day of school. We will be presenting awards to all students who participate at our school assembly. If you do not have your reading logs or if you need additional pages, logs are available at the Beverly Public Library.

READ, READ and

READ some more!!

- In the months of July and August, over 25 students were invited to participate in our Lexia Lab and Study Island. These students had the opportunity to sharpen their reading and math skills through daily intervention sessions held in our computer lab. Many thanks to Mrs. Munroe for her help in organizing this program.*
- Many members of our faculty attended professional development opportunities in topics such as Responsive Classroom, Steps to Respect, LIPS, Differentiated Instruction, Math Standards, and Essex Links. The dedication to continual, life-long learning is reflective of the staff's commitment to improving student achievement in our school.*

- *Mr. King and Mr. Forrest are busy with their annual cleaning of the building in preparation of the coming year. The classrooms are taking shape and the finishing touches will make our school sparkle for the coming year!*
- *This year half-day kindergarten students from across the district will be attending Ayers! We welcome kindergarten students from across the city to the Ayers community. We look forward to creating friendships and memories from the 2010-2011 school year that they will have forever!*
- *We are pleased to welcome new staff members to our team. New to Ayers this year is Miss Allison Gilgun who joins us as a Full Day Kindergarten teacher. Miss Gilgun has been a Kindergarten teacher at the Hannah School and most recently taught first grade at the Cove School. We are pleased to welcome her to our school community! Also new to our staff to work in third grade is Mrs. Sharon LaHaye. Mrs. LaHaye has spent the past two years at Hannah after teaching at the McKeown School for many years. Welcome! Some of our returning teachers have shifted grade levels. Mrs. Place and Mrs. Mellinger will be working in the Half Day Kindergarten with Mrs. Foley. Mrs. Mellinger will also be working with our Preschool students in the afternoon. Finally, Mrs. Twombly will join our Full Day Kindergarten staff, Mrs. Liphardt has moved to first grade and Mrs. Tarr has moved to second grade.*

The coming months are jam packed with opportunities for parents and families to join in and work with us to continue to make our school great. Highlights include:

- *August 24 - New Families Welcome - Open House (4-6)*
- *August 31 – First Day of School (grades 1-5)*
- *August 31, September 1 & 2 – Kindergarten Screenings (by appointment)*
- *September 1 – Kindergarten Orientation – Half Day Kindergarten*
- *September 2 – Kindergarten Orientation – Full Day Kindergarten*
- *September 3 – Labor Day Weekend (NO SCHOOL)*

Health Questions??

If you have questions regarding health related issues for you child, please contact our nurse, Mrs. Poeske, at 978-921-6116, ext. 201 or by email at apoeske@beverlyschools.org.

All newly registered students must have all health records on file with us in order to begin school. Please be sure to submit all the necessary information before the first day of school.

Please be aware that in the summer our hours vary, so it may take a few days for a response. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Keep up your Summer Reading!!!!



- *September 6 – Labor Day Weekend – (NO SCHOOL)*
- *September 7 – First Day for Kindergarten Students*
- *September 16 – Curriculum Night*
- *September 25 – Kick-Off Mass Pass Fundraiser*
- *October 5 – 7 - Book Fair (Ice Cream Social - Oct. 6th)*
- *October 7 – Elementary Early Release Day*
- *October 8 – Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL)*
- *October 11 – Columbus Day (NO SCHOOL)*
- *October 17 – Fall Frolic Fun Run and 5K*

There have been several inquiries from new families regarding before school care for their child. If you are interested in providing childcare for a kindergarten student before school, please contact me and I will share the information.

We are also looking to fill lunch room monitor positions. The position is M-F from 10:45 -12:45. Please contact Sue Charochak at scharochak@beverlyschools.org if you are interested.

Don't forget to visit our school website for important information and updates throughout the school year!

Once again, I want to thank you for the opportunity and confidence to educate your child. I am looking forward to a rewarding and successful year.

Sincerely,

Sue Charochak
Principal, Ayers School

Mission Statement

The Ayers Ryal Side School Community embraces a shared responsibility among students, faculty, parents, and administration to provide each member of its' diverse student body the opportunity to achieve academic excellence. We are dedicated to the development of the full intellectual, social, emotional, and physical potential of every student. We will provide a safe, respectful environment for all individuals. In partnership with all members of the Ayers community, our students will have the opportunity to develop acceptance of themselves and others, to become creative problem-solvers, skilled communicators, and life-long learners. It is our hope that upon leaving the Ayers Ryal Side School, each person will find him or herself better for having been there.

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