

August 15, 2011

Dear Families,

We welcome students on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, for the first day of school. The school day begins at 8:35 a.m. and attendance will be taken promptly. **Breakfast and lunch will be served on the first day and there are slight price increases.** Full price lunch for students is now \$1.75 and full price breakfast is \$1.25. The reduced price lunch is 40¢ and **students approved for reduced price will receive breakfast at no charge again this year.** The price for lunch for adults is \$3.25 and for breakfast \$2.25. The price for milk alone will be **50 cents.** Jean Trautner is returning as head cook and Wendy Howard will return as food service manager and assistant cook. All school meals **must be prepaid** (no credit will be extended.) Eligibility for free and reduced meals from last year continues through the first 30 days of this school year or until a new application is received.

If your child's bus schedule has changed from last year, we will call you. Otherwise, if you have any questions regarding bussing you may call the school (326-4618) or your child's bus driver. If your child(ren) are the only ones at the bus stop, please call the bus driver by 6:45 a.m. when your child will not be riding the bus that morning.

Drivers: Lois/Roger Chauvin (326-4758), Ken Cota (326-2000 or 326-4625)

Lindsay Cleary-Waldman will return as guidance counselor in mid-October, due to the birth of her son this summer. She will work at our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ms. Claudia Woodward will teach playschool on Monday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 12 to 3 p.m., beginning Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Kristina Bowen will teach all day kindergarten and pre-school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. (Pre-school will begin on the first day of school.) Mrs. Crystal Johnson will teach first grade. Mrs. Natalie Bruzzi and Ms. Claudia Woodward will share responsibilities for teaching second and third graders. Mrs. Ruprecht will be the homeroom teacher for grade four and Mr. Ward for grade five. Ms. Susan Zeineth-Collins, Mr. Steve Moran and Ms. Sara Caldwell will be the teachers for grades six, seven and eight. Minor schedule changes have been made for students in grades five through eight, which will be explained the first week of school. Deb Moskevitz has been hired to replace para-educator, Joan Ramey, who retired last year and Melissa Poilly will be our new math tutor as Stacey Ducolon pursues a new career.

I would like parents, students and teachers to make note of minor changes to the **dress code** when preparing for school. A copy is printed on the reverse of this letter for your convenience and it is included in both student and staff handbooks. Please carefully review the handbook that will be sent home on the first day of school for information about other changes. Emergency information forms need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. We look forward to the start of a new year and working with all of you!

Sincerely,

Beth F. O'Brien

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P.S. If your child is new to our 6th, 7th or 8th grade this year, he/she will be in:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Zeineth-Collin's homeroom
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Caldwell's homeroom
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Moran's homeroom

- Richford Junior/Senior High School has invited 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested to participate in a Cross-Country Team coached this year by Andrew Hathaway. Please call Amanda St. Pierre at RHS for more information, 848-7416.

### **Dress Code**

**School is an institution of learning and members of the school community must make clothing choices that do not detract from the focus on learning.**

Students and staff must recognize that brief or revealing clothing is not appropriate apparel in school. **Students and staff shall NOT wear:**

- Halter tops and garments with spaghetti straps or strapless garments (1" minimum for straps).
- Garments that are see-through, cut low to show cleavage, expose one's midriff or back area. Tops must fit closely under the arm.
- **Skirts or shorts – that are too revealing! We are recommending that shorts fall mid-thigh and that skirts be worn a little longer (unless shorts or tights are worn underneath).**
- Clothing which exposes undergarments.
- Clothing that displays vulgar, offensive, obscene, or demeaning language.
- Clothing that displays drug and alcohol messages.
- Clothing that displays messages that are sexually suggestive or provocative.
- Head coverings, including bandanas, hats, or scarves, except for a religious or health purpose.

### **Consequences for Students**

Violators will be required to alter inappropriate clothing on the spot or be subject to being sent home.