

June 2009

Dear Prosperity Heights Families,

Summer vacation! It might come as a surprise to learn that most teachers and school administrators look forward to summer vacation almost as much as children do. Even though I'll continue working at school until the end of June and then on my own professional development for several days in July, I'm still excited to see summer so close. It has been a great five months as principal at Prosperity Heights, and I continue to feel very happy to be here. We have accomplished a lot this year, and the children can display the fruits of our labor with their improved reading, writing, and math skills.

Many of our teachers will be teaching summer school at Frost Lake this summer, so your children can be with their favorite teachers for a few more days. Summer school will be on a different schedule than in the past. It will be held June 22 through July 14 and will be for full days rather than half days. Please note the summer school information in this newsletter.

As we wind down the 2008-09 school year, we hope to see you at school for the Awards Ceremonies on June 9, which happens to be the last day of school for students. The K-3 ceremony will be at 8:30, and the grades 4-5 ceremony will be at 9:30. We will hold a special Awards Ceremony for the 6th grade at 11:00, followed by a luncheon for 6th graders and their guests. All Awards ceremonies will be held in the gym. Your presence at these events is important to your child, so if you can make it, we would love to see you.

Next year, there will be some changes to our staff and teaching assignments. We will have two kindergarten classrooms rather than three, and Ms. Hansen will be teaching both kindergarteners and first graders as a K/1 support teacher. Ms. Schmidt will take her place teaching second grade alongside Ms. Erickson. Ms. Killeen will move into the fourth grade spot that Ms. Schmidt is leaving. We will have one 5th grade classroom, one sixth grade classroom, and one 5/6 Academy next year in order to accommodate our students' needs in the upper grades. Ms. Davin will teach 5th grade, Mr. Revak will teach 6th grade, and Ms. Iverson will teach the 5/6 Academy.

We would like to say goodbye to the following people:

- Ms. Pamela Miller will be leaving us to teach kindergarten at Maxfield Elementary School. We will miss her.
- Ms. Kathy Johnson is retiring, and we wish her a wonderful retirement.
- Ms. Marcie Macioch is also retiring. Best wishes to our wonderful head cook!
- Ms. Elwyn Pierce-Young will be leaving due to budget cuts, and we wish her the best luck. We will miss her laughter in our school.
- Ms. Kunz is leaving her math coach position at Prosperity Heights and will be teaching a 5/6 classroom at Open School. We send her our best wishes.

We are also very excited to bring a new reading and math coach onboard. Her name is Judy Mitzuk, and we welcome her to Prosperity. Whew! Although it sounds like a lot of

changes, I anticipate that when your children come back to school in September, they will not miss a beat, because the Prosperity staff is amazing. If you get a chance, please join us in saying farewell to staff members who are departing and hello to those who will join us.

Looking ahead to the Fall, you will be able to find out about next year's teachers for your children at our Open House on Thursday, September 3. Please put it on your calendar now, and watch for more communication from us toward the end of summer. Plan to join us at school that evening to find out who your children's teachers will be and to learn about the work we will be doing over the summer to prepare for next year. Even though it's summer vacation, we will be busy preparing for next year to be the best school we can be.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Stacey Kadrmas
Principal