

May 2009

Dear Prosperity Heights Families:

The school year is rapidly coming to an end, so we are feverishly working to continue teaching important lessons while also planning engaging projects, field trips, and year-end school events. The month of May brings with it a spike in fun school activities, such as the family BBQ, the school carnival, and trips to museums, parks, and zoos. Your involvement in these activities is encouraged and welcomed. When we work and play together, we get to know each other better, and that can improve our school relationships dramatically. Our teamwork is a gift to the students and the community of Prosperity Heights. Please join us when you can to share some laughter, goodwill, and life lessons.

During the upcoming events, we will remain vigilant about the health and welfare of our community. We ask all parents and guardians to continue helping us with student safety by practicing safe traffic habits, particularly when driving near the school and crossing busy streets. We will continue to follow the student drop-off and pick-up routines before and after school as a way to safeguard our community during busy traffic times.

On another note, we are also working closely with the district to monitor information about the H1N1 influenza virus. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the virus in St. Paul. Staff and students have been informed about the best ways to stay healthy when viruses are present, and we ask your help at home with the same message:

- Federal and State health officials continue to recommend basic prevention measures for everyone, including covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing, washing your hands often and staying home when sick.

If you have additional questions about H1N1, you can also go to the District's website, www.spps.org for more information.

Springtime is a time for growth and change, so it's not surprising that change is also occurring in the St. Paul School District. Many of you may already know that our Superintendent, Meria Carstarphen, has taken a new job as the superintendent of the Austin, Texas school district. She will be leaving at the end of this school year, and we wish her well. The district is working to find a new superintendent to meet district needs.

There will be a few changes at Prosperity Heights next year as well. Due to budget cuts, we needed to cut one kindergarten class, one ELL position, and one Teacher's Aide position. We will be sad to see Ms. Miller, Ms. Mirza, and Ms. Young leave our school at the end of the year. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them at other St. Paul schools around the district. We will have an additional K/1 support teacher working with our kindergarten and first grade classrooms next year.

As always, please call or stop by if you have questions or suggestions for ways to improve our school.

Sincerely,
Stacey Kadrmas

