

September 2, 2011

Happy Friday Families!

As we enter the long, Labor Day weekend, we would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable time with your children. The first two weeks of school with our students have been a solid foundation for a productive new year, and your children are already working hard and accomplishing great things. Students in grades 3 and up have completed 4 Sight tests, and in the coming weeks, students and staff will begin to look at strengths and weaknesses and set goals for themselves. The Propel East Staff is excited about the Fall Open Houses, which will provide you the opportunity to learn about all aspects of your child's day and their educational program. **Open House** dates are: Monday, **September 12th, from 5:30-7:00 in Kindergarten, First, Seventh, and Eighth** grades, and Monday, **September 19th, from 5:30-7:00 in Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth** grades.

Please note:

Changes in our **dress code** include the elimination of black uniform clothing, a restriction on wearing Propel logo T-shirts to special events only (This currently includes *Motivational Mondays*.), and an expectation that the leniency made for sneaker styles does not allow bright colors, patterns, sequins, lights, or other "loud" styles. A reminder that boots can be worn during the winter months only (November 1st -April 1st) and may not be above the calf. Socks and tights must be white or blue and may not have designs or patterns. Remember that temperatures in school can fluctuate, and students should wear uniform clothing in layers.

Included in this week's Friday Folder is the inaugural issue of a monthly **newsletter** created by our **School Wide Positive Behavior Supports** Core Team. Please read it over, and look for additional SWPBS information at the Fall Open Houses and at upcoming School Council Meetings. Ask your child about "Pro-Bucks" and other incentives that they are receiving in school this year.

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that a new grant received by Propel East this year, will again bring **fresh fruits and vegetables into classrooms** three days a week. The program, administered by Angela Williams, our Food Service Director, will begin on Tuesday, September 6th, and will begin with nectarines, plums, and strawberries. The grant pays for our cafeteria staff to prepare the food for students, so parent volunteers will not be needed. We are excited that we will be receiving many varieties and some exotic choices!

Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Educationally Yours,

Ms. Gough, Principal

Mr. Evans, Assistant Principal