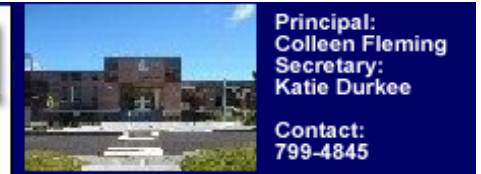


Dyer Elementary School

"A New Adventure In Learning"



August 14, 2009

Dear Kindergarten Families,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and kindergarten will be starting soon! We are excited for the new year and looking forward to working with you and your child. Below is a list of important upcoming events and dates which you should note.

Kindergarten Step-Up Day is Wednesday, August 26, from 9:30-10:15. The purpose of Step-Up Day is to provide an opportunity for your child to meet us as well as new kindergarten friends, visit our classrooms, and build on the excitement of this very important first experience. We will begin by meeting together in the gymnasium and then the children will join us in a classroom where they will hear a story and sing some songs. Parents will remain in the gym and learn more about Dyer School from our Principal, Mrs. Fleming. We will accompany the children on a brief bus ride which will conclude our Step-Up program.

Each year our PTA sponsors a very popular **Back To School Celebration** which is very well attended by all our Dyer families. We hope you will be able to join us for this celebration **Monday, August 31, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Parents are asked to bring a salad to share, but everything else is provided. Our school will be open during this time for informal visits.

Kindergarten screening throughout the district will be held **September 2, 3, 8, and 9.** The screening process enables us to learn more about your child so that we can plan programming to meet developmental needs. The activities we use are fun and engaging. Once our screening is complete, we will create our class rosters. You will be called on Wednesday, September 9 with the name of your child's new kindergarten teacher.

Your Child _____

Screening Date _____

Screening Time _____

You may leave the school during this time or make yourself comfortable in our hallway where you may complete the Parent Questionnaire that is part of our screening process. We have come to greatly value the information this document provides. **If you cannot make the time noted above, it is critical that you call the school at 799-4845, on or after August 20 so that we may reschedule.**

Your child's first official day of school is Thursday, September 10, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will greet the children on the playground. Please refer to our kindergarten parent handbook for additional information. Should you have any questions related to bussing, please call the Transportation Department at 767-7714.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

Sincerely,

Gail Ryder, Melissa Shaw
Kindergarten Teachers (Our new colleague has not yet beend confirmed)