

GREAT SENECA CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Office of the Principal

June 16, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping to make this a great year of teaching and learning at ***The Creek!*** This year we continued our quest to eliminate the achievement gap for all students, committed to not allowing student success to be predictable by race. Your help with this has paid off and our students are exceeding benchmarks and standards at higher levels than ever before. I would especially like to acknowledge our out-going PTA President, **Bob Murphy**, and his entire executive board. We could not have done it without them. Our school-wide list of parent volunteers logged more than 18,000 hours of service this past school year. Our newly elected PTA President, **Antonio Rodriquez**, is inheriting a wonderfully supportive PTA, focused on doing their part to provide excellence for all students.

The first day of school next year will be **Monday, August 31, 2009**. The Kindergarten Parents Meeting (1pm) and GSCES Open House (2pm) will be held on **Thursday, August 27, 2009**. You will receive a summer mailing during the first part of August. The packet will contain all the information you will need to start the school year. Please do not call the school prior to the last week of August for information regarding classroom assignments. Your child will receive a letter from me before school starts with the name of his/her homeroom teacher.

Next year our school will be organized as follows:

Kindergarten	-	6 Classes
Grade 1	-	6 Classes
Grade 2	-	5 Classes
Grade 3	-	5 Classes
Grade 4	-	5 Classes
Grade 5	-	4 Classes
Emotional Disabilities Prg.	-	2 Classes

Attached to this letter is a list of school supplies that will be needed for students to be best prepared at each grade level next year. This list should help you with your back-to-school shopping. Please label all supplies with your child's name. ***If you misplace this list, you can access it on the school's website.***



Final student report cards will be mailed on **Tuesday, June 23, 2009**. This is handled through MCPS Central Office, so please give them some time to arrive. If you are moving, please let our office know your new mailing address. Report cards are not automatically forwarded through the mail.

Teachers get many levels of parental input when there are problems and concerns, but may not always hear the commendations from parents that they rightfully deserve. Consider sending a quick note to the teacher expressing your appreciation. You may also wish to send a copy to me to be added to the teacher's professional portfolio.

Please remind your children of important safety and security rules as you enjoy your time together this summer. Your help in using the ***"Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible"*** language will go a long way to ensure consistency when students return from summer vacation. In addition, it is imperative that our students read every day and complete the summer reading and math packets that are being sent home with this letter. Teachers will be collecting both packets during the first week of school. ***(Remember... you can access a new copy of the reading and math packet from the school's website.)***

I am looking forward to another successful year at Great Seneca Creek Elementary School. Please contact me by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Enclosures

Important Dates for Fall 2009

<u>Monday, August 24</u>	-	Teachers Return to School
<u>Thursday, August 27</u>	-	Kindergarten Parent Meeting, 1pm
<u>Thursday, August 27</u>	-	GSCES Open House, 2pm
<u>Monday, August 31</u>	-	Students Return to School
<u>Thursday, September 3</u>	-	GSCES-PTA Back-to-School Picnic
<u>Friday, September 4</u>	-	Summer Reading / Math Packets Due
<u>Monday, September 7</u>	-	No School, Labor Day
<u>Tuesday, September 8</u>	-	Back-To-School Night, K-1, 7pm
<u>Thursday, September 10</u>	-	Back-To-School Night, Gr. 2-3, 7pm
<u>Tuesday, September 15</u>	-	Back-To-School Night, Gr. 4-5, 7pm