

Principal's Page

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Dear Parents,

It seems as though I have spent the past several weeks in meetings. There is so much involved in planning and preparing for the next year. Items such as staffing end of the year events, field trips, open house, orientation and a myriad of pressing activities take time and attention. I know as a parent you are experiencing the same thing, but on a different level. We seem to move faster and faster as the year draws to a close and are left at times, out of breath and out of energy. There are times that we just need to stop, take a breath and attempt to slow down!

In the rush of the season, please continue to take time to communicate with your child's teacher if you have concerns or have questions. We find that at this time of year, parents also begin to think about next year and the academic program for their child. You will be receiving a student profile sheet, to assist us in planning for next year. While we do not take requests for specific teachers, we do want your input regarding your child. This profile sheet helps us to better understand your child as a learner. We can then be in a better position to match your child's learning style with teaching styles. We also want you to include any other information that would be beneficial in setting up classes. This is just one more thing that requires your time and effort but it is extremely important for us. So, when you receive the form, take some time and complete the requested information.

Also in planning for next year, it is important to know if your child will be returning to Sligo Creek Elementary School. We will be sending home a form with that provides that information as well. However, just completing the form of intent is only for planning purposes. If you are moving or attending another school next year, you must still go through the process of officially withdrawing your child.

We have only one more round of standardized testing and we are finished for the year. Beginning on April 27th, our second graders will begin taking the Terra Nova 2 test. More information will be coming home to second grade parents. Also, parents, please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you can assist in providing snacks during the testing period.

Next year is a big year for us. We opened 10 years ago, September 1999. Many of you have been with us for the entire 10 years. We are in the planning stages in honor of our 10 years of academic excellence. We need your ideas, your input and your suggestions. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact me or the PTA. We need all the help we can get!

We are encouraging children every day to continue to work hard and excel during this last quarter when the weather is so beautiful and everyone wants to be outside. Encourage your child to work hard as well. Enjoy the glorious season. Take time to slow down and enjoy your child!

Sincerely,
Diantha R. Swift