

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The greatest responsibility we have as a community is the education of our children. We are committed to providing an environment in which all students reach their full academic potential. Part of that commitment includes the continual improvement of how we teach. We are always seeking the best possible teaching methods and learning from each other. This helps our school community ensure each child's success.

Collaboration at our school is an important part of our efforts, and we regularly hold team-based learning sessions at our school. These meetings are called Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and are a time for teachers to discuss classroom strategies, individual student performance, and best teaching practices.

Recently, the Wake County Board of Education approved a school schedule for the 2009-2010 school year that allows for more collaboration and Professional Learning Community (PLC) sessions.

Mark your calendar for these important changes

- **Every Wednesday, all Wake County Schools will release one hour early (2:45 p.m.) to allow for PLC meetings.**
- **Six early release days are also included in the 2009-2010. Dates are: 9/23, 10/21, 12/2, 2/3, 3/10, and 4/21. These early release days also occur on Wednesdays.**

Ten minutes has been added to the school day

To meet the state requirements of 180 days of instruction and 1,000 hours of instruction, 10 minutes have been added to the school day to make up for the time used in the PLCs. Our instructional day will begin at 9:05 a.m. We expect all students in class, unpacked and ready for their day by 9:00 a.m. daily. Students may enter the building at 8:40 a.m. each day.

We hope that you will support our efforts of improving learning and teaching for our students. We are committed to helping your student reach his or her full potential, and PLC time will help us in these efforts.

Enjoy viewing our website. If you have additional questions please feel free to email them to us or call us at (919) 266-8540.

Sincerely,

Linda Roberson