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# Principal's Notes

## Ichabod Crane Primary School

### Welcome Back!!!

Welcome to a new year at Primary School. I hope it will be a wonderful year for you and your child! The beginning of the year is an exciting time with so many new things happening. The faculty and I are anxious to meet our new students and to get to work.

We have had a VERY busy summer. The Primary School underwent extensive construction work including an all new heating system, new floors in the hallways, new tiles in the ceilings, a new gym floor and some new light-

ing. The work also included removal of asbestos from the building. The teachers were also very busy with curriculum work; they were deeply involved in writing and preparing new and updated curriculum.

We are ready for the new year. I look forward to a successful year for each child!



If you need or know of anyone who needs help obtaining school supplies, please contact Mrs. Grott at the PS Office.

### New Faculty and Staff

I am very pleased to announce new faculty at the Primary School this year.

\* Miss Angela Jahoda will be a new Kindergarten teacher in Friendship Lane (replacing Mrs. Soika who retired in June).

\* Mrs. Julie Eckholm (aka Miss Bolduc) will also be a new Kindergarten teacher in Friend-

ship Lane (replacing Mrs. McDonnell who retired in June).

\* Miss Megan McCarthy will be a new first grade teacher in Kindness Way (replacing Mrs. Scharoun will retired in June.)

Each of these new teachers comes to us with high qualifications; I look forward to working with them this year.

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### Mark your Calendar:

- ☉ September 29th - Open House for Friendship Lane 6-7 pm
- ☉ October 1st - Open House for Kindness Way 6-7 pm
- ☉ September 25th - No School; Superintendent's Conference Day

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### Meet the Second Grade Faculty

Mrs. Bertram	2
Mrs. Caldwell	2
Miss Call	2
Mrs. Cox-Hughes	2
Ms. Gorke	2
Mrs. Moon	2
Mrs. Murphy	2

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## Morning Program and Character Education

Our theme this year will be the USA. The skits that the classes do on stage each week will reflect this theme. There will be lots of patriotic music too!



We will focus on eight different character traits.

We will be continuing our Character Education program at Morning Program. Each month we will focus on a good character trait; awards will

be given at Morning Program and watch our flag of good characters wave in the lobby!!

The character education program will also be prevalent throughout the building everyday. The faculty and staff will be awarding "Character Counts" coupons and coins to students who are showing good character in the classrooms, in the hallways, at lunch, at recess or at any appropriate time. On Mondays, I will recognize some of these students too.

We hope you will be able to join us sometime this year for the Morning Program.

## Emergency Information

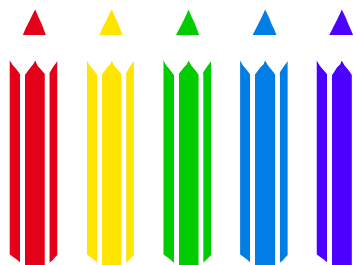
Today you will receive a print out of the information we have in our computer files regarding your child. Please review this information carefully and correct/ update any wrong or out of date information. Then please fill in all the information on the back of the form regarding who is authorized to pick up your child from school and who we should call in emergencies. This sheet is kept in the main

office as well as copied for the Health Office and the Bus Garage. We are also asking that you complete an Emergency Card. Please sign the sheet and the card, and return to school right away. I realize that it is laborious to fill out both forms, but please know that we do this for the safety of the children. With the age of the children at the PS, we need your help in planning for emergencies.

## Safety Reminders

\* If your child will be going home to anyplace other than their usual location, we require written notification brought to school with your child in morning. Please do not call the school during the day to change plans.

\* Due to safety concerns, shoes



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with wheels ("heelies") are not permitted in or around school at any-time including before and after school activities.

\* For your convenience, Visitor Parking is provided in the front of building. Please acquire a Visitor Badge at the Greeter Station.