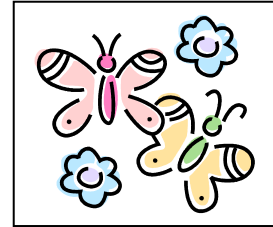


**M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4**



To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Faye Anderson
Re: Board Report for September 2009
Date: August 25, 2009

Wow!!! The summer went by so quickly! The buildings look great and we are ready to begin. Several staff members participated in the professional development over the summer and they are anxious to share. We are looking forward to a wonderful year and excited to begin.

ENROLLMENT

As of August 25, 2009:

- ✚ PK – 55 students
- ✚ Kindergarten – 64 students
- ✚ First Grade – 70 students
- ✚ Second Grade – 63 students (teacher/student ratio - 1:21)
- ✚ Third Grade – 84 students (teacher/student ratio -1:21)
- ✚ Fourth Grade – 83 students (teacher/student ratio - 1:20)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT – PK-4 - 419

CIPS UPDATE

With each board report, I will update you on our CIPS (Continuous Improvement Priority School) plan. Our team is partially put together. I hope to have it finalized by August 31, 2009. Staff who have volunteered to be on the committee:

- Tricia Alley – Asst. Principal
- Tracy Hallee – Curriculum Specialist
- Louise McCannell – Curriculum Specialist
- Jan Rollins – Math Coordinator
- Anne Miller – Curriculum Specialist
- Michelle Hodgins – Parent/School Board Member
- Stacy Shorey – SPED
- Alicia Estey – Vickery Teacher
- ??? – Manson Park Teacher
- ??? – Burnham Village Teacher

I have participated in a webinar for CIPS 1 schools and Mike, Anne and I had our first meeting with Fran Farr, our CIPS consultant on August 19th. Our first team meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th @ 3:00. At that time we will discuss our roll and talk about creating a separate team to work with the data.

ACCREDITATION

Our PK program is expanding this year due to high enrollment. We will now have four sessions of PK to accommodate all families that want to have their child involved in our program. Susan Wormell from KVCAP will be joining our staff this year. We welcome her to Manson Park.

This year we will be involved in getting our program reaccredited. This is a great deal of work for everyone. We received our initial accreditation 5 years ago. We were the first school to become accredited in the state through NAEYC (National Association of the education of the Young Child). In the spring we will have a site visit to review our program and determine our eligibility. I will keep you informed of our progress.

OPEN HOUSE

Burnham Village School had their Open House on August 26th @ 1:00. It was a great time!!! Parents and students had the opportunity to have their first bus ride together, visit the classroom and our small building, and get ready for the first day of school.

The Open House for Manson Park will be on Thursday, September 17th from 6:00-7:00. The Open House for Vickery will be on Thursday, September 24th from 6:00-7:00. You are all invited to attend.

INSERVICE TOPICS

During our inservice, staff reviewed the handbook, updated rules for students on the playground, cafeteria, hallways and bathroom. Staffs were also given an overview of the CIPS process. This summer a team of teachers worked hard at creating a handbook for staff to assist them with the process related to our Student Assistance Team and Response to Intervention. Teachers who served on the committee presented the handbook to staff. Our theme this year is the butterfly. If you have the chance, read the children's book *Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly* by Alan Madison and Kevin Hawkes.

SKILLS BLOCK

In keeping with our theme, we will be piloting a reading skills block for Grade 2 and a math skills block for Grade 3. This will enable us to offer interventions and enrichment for our students in these areas. Our Title I ED techs and SPED staff will be part of our plan. Our goal is to group our students homogenously to give them the skills they need and document our interventions. Students will participate in these groups five days per week for 30 minutes per day. This is part of our 90 block of instruction in reading and math. Studies show that students who are struggling need three times the instruction to reach grade level.