

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*A home for nurturing habits of the heart and the mind*



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Dear Families of the Mendham Township Elementary School Community,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2007-2008 school year. I hope this correspondence finds you well-rested from a summer of enjoyment and relaxation, having spent quality time with family and friends. As you are likely purchasing supplies and school clothes, we are busy, in our final days, preparing ourselves and the school building for your child's best year of school...ever! Teachers are finalizing classroom preparations, custodians are ensuring the cleanliness and sparkling appearance of the building and the office staff is making final updates to be sure everything is in order when your child arrives as we look forward to demonstrating, each day, our commitment to educational excellence for all who walk through our doors.

We are greatly anticipating a new school year with several new faculty members, familiar faces in different places, classrooms with co-educators, revised and more focused curricula in the areas of balanced literacy, writing and math, as well as an entirely new inquiry-based, 'minds on' curriculum for science. We also spent the summer designing and revising systems of systematically gathering information on your child in the areas of reading, writing and math that will allow your child's classroom educator to make even more informed instructional decisions based on her/his progress to achieve the outcomes of our curriculum and go beyond. Of course all of this will be done in the context of nurturing your child's social, emotional and physical development.

You have already received a welcome and the district calendar from our Superintendent, Dr. Johnson, and shortly you will be receiving the information identifying your bus route. We have an updated Parent/Student Handbook that will be sent home with your child at the end of the first full week of school for your review of procedures and policies and enclosed is a letter identifying the car rider procedures. If you are sending your child to school for the first time or are new to the district, rest assured that our Home School Association volunteers will be here during that first week at arrival to assist your child with getting to her/his classroom.

Enjoy your final days of summer, but be sure your children 'shake the cobwebs off' with some math fact practice, starting that book you've been meaning to read and maybe some journal writing! The first day will soon be upon us, at which time I look forward to seeing you again and embarking on a rewarding school year.

Very truly yours,

Michael Craver