

August 10, 2011

Dear Greenvale Park Staff,

The unfortunate purpose of this letter is to slowly pull you out of the lazy world of afternoon naps, walks around the lake, quality time with your family, and late morning coffee--and into the less recreational world of a new school year.

We will soon be gathering together at 7:45 a.m. on August 30, 2011 for our first staff meeting. When you arrive bright and early (or maybe just early ☺) you'll notice some new faces. The following is a list of names that go with the new faces.

I would like to welcome:

1. A new ESL Kindergarten teacher (TBN); Marisela Casper-Sanchez has chosen to take a position in St. Paul.
2. Amy Franklin, who will be our new .5 Kindergarten teacher (A.M. kindergarten section).
3. Michelle Sickler, who will be back at Greenvale Park as a Grade 5 teacher.
4. Roanne Johnson, who will be joining our Resource Room team.
5. Tina Holum, who will join the ESL team this year at Greenvale Park.
6. Shannon Flegel will be back at Greenvale Park as O.T.
7. Jamie Wiebe is the long term sub while our Social Worker, Jennifer Josephson, is out on leave.
8. Diane Torbenson will be filling two different positions this year; as .5 Academic Coach and .5 Title I.
9. As many of you may know, Nicole Papke will be teaching third grade this year.
10. As of the writing of this communiqué, we are solidifying a candidate for the Media Center.

The building is still currently being painted in many areas. Our custodial staff is working very hard to get the building in shape for teachers to return. Please continue to check your e-mail regarding any further information about returning to your classrooms. Suffice to say, please contact Daryl Robinson, our Head Custodian, for questions.

Our pre-service week is going to be busy. The following is an outline of what everyone can expect. Educational Assistants should note their involvement in blue bold/italic text.

1. Monday, August 29, 2011
 - a. **New Licensed Staff Workshop at Northfield Middle School cafeteria.** More information can be found on the district web site for details.

2. Tuesday, August 30, 2011

- a. 7:45 to 10:45 – Staff Meeting in the Greenvale Park Media Center. *All licensed staff and Educational Assistants will attend.* We plan on having a potluck breakfast. Staff should contact Donna Hall to see what we need.
 - b. 10:45 to 3:45 – Staff work time (& 1 hr. lunch on your own)
 - i. *Special Education Assistants will report to their cooperating teachers. Deb Mastin, Linda Wilson, and Theresa Brake will report to their cooperating teachers.*
3. Wednesday, August 31, 2011
- 7:45 to 10:45 – Work Time
 - 3 hours EA staff development – See building principals for details.
 - a. 10:45-11:45 – District Staff Dev. Time (PLC overview led by DCSDC)
 - b. 11:45 to 12:45 – Lunch on your own
 - c. 12:45 to 3:45 – District Staff Development
 - *Gr. PreK-12 Spec. Ed. Instructional & Related Services Staff: Mtg. w/Gary Lewis & Anna Braun @ Longfellow Gym
 - *Gr. K-5 Classroom Teachers: Engineering Workshop @ H.S. Lower Cafeteria
 - *All other K-12 Licensed Staff: Department Meetings (each dept. may determine their own agenda & meeting location)
4. Thursday, September 1, 2011
- a. 7:45 to 11:45 – Bldg. Staff Development (K-5 Everyday Math Presentation)
 - b. 11:45 to 12:45 – Lunch on your own
 - c. 12:45 to 3:30 – Staff Work Time
 - d. 3:30-5:30 – Open House/ “Meet the Teacher” time

We do not have the results back as to our school status. There is a possibility that the State may issue a variance for this school year. The drop-dead date is 9-30-11 for schools finding out their AYP status.

We should all be proud of what Greenvale Park achieves in our classrooms, in our offices, and in our community whether one's responsibility is administrating, teaching, preparing lunches, maintaining a building, or managing an office.

See you on August 30, 2011!

David Craft
Principal
Greenvale Park