

July 22, 2008

Dear Beginning School Families:

August signals the start of school for me, and as I begin my thirteenth year as the Beginning School Principal, I eagerly await your return or new arrival to campus. The teachers are returning with renewed interests after summer vacations, and they join me in welcoming you to the start of the 2008-09 school year.

Suggestions of Ways To Meet and Connect with the RHSM Community:

- New families are invited to attend the short **Beginning School Reception** in the Parlor on Thursday, Sept. 4th from 8:35-9:15 a.m. and to meet other new parents, Head of School Alan Sparrow, and representatives from the Home and School Association.
- Meet Allison Paradise, the **Beginning School Liaison** to the Home and School Association. She can help you learn about school activities and get acquainted with other parents.
- Attend **Back To School Night** on September 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Attend the five **parent classes** this fall immediately following drop off from 8:35-9:45 a.m. You will discover support for the challenges of parenting young children. (Parent Class handout has more details.)
- **Volunteer** in your child's classroom.
- Attend your age level **Parent Social** in the fall. (Invitations come in the mail.)
- Drop by and meet with me personally. I am eager to get acquainted with you, and I always enjoy summer news from returning families. From my perspective any question is a good question to ask me.

What Is New?

- To support our commitment to sustainable practices we will increase our electronic communication. This year your start of school information is accessible on our website with the exception of two forms.
 - The emergency information form is enclosed because it requires your signature and must be returned by August 15th

- Kindergarten Flex Day Students also have a sign up form included in this mailing
- All other information and forms can be accessed electronically from our RHSM website (www.rhsm.org) after August 1st. If you do not have internet access, please contact Janet Siler at 801-355-7485. All forms need to be returned by August 15th.

Who Is New?

- **Becca Roper** is returning as an assistant 4 PreK Teacher, teaming with Liz Stone.
- **Cindy Feinman** is joining Lonnie Bradley in Kindergarten as the assistant teacher.

After August 10th your child will receive a personal invitation to meet individually with your child's teachers on August 27th or 28th (Aug. 29th for 2 PreK students). This first visit to the classroom starts school and is designed to acquaint your child with the teachers and the room, reassuring your young student that school is an enjoyable place.

We are ready and waiting for the happy sounds of your children's voices to fill our school. If you have any questions prior to the start of school, please call me.

Enjoy your last moments of summer while they last!

Carol Blackwell
Beginning School Principal