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Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe but it is that time of the year again - the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. To those of you who are returning and to those of you joining our district for the first time, **WELCOME!**

You are indeed an important part of your child's education and we welcome being in partnership with you. Clearly, your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team. We believe parents' enthusiasm, support, and involvement inspire children to do their best; and enhance a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things for your children. There is a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friendships, and new skills to master. Surely, like me, you look forward to sharing in these exciting times.

As a parent myself, I am blatantly aware of how fast time advances. One year your child is in 1st grade, and then seemingly in the blink of an eye, he/she is in middle school, or in senior year of high school, for that matter. So enjoy these school opportunities and experiences with your child/children. They grow up and leave us all too quickly. Research shows that quality time between parents and children can have a big effect in developmental and academic progress.

In closing, I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our schools, as well as to create a homework-friendly home environment that will contribute to student success. Televisions need to be off or limited during the school week to ensure concentration on academic work.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education, I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

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