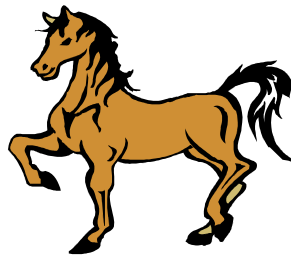


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The monthly newsletter of
Pearl R. Miller Middle School



Notes from the Principal's Desk

Recently, our students participated in grade level meetings. These assemblies offered a look ahead at all that is to come in the second half of the school year, and also provided an opportunity to acknowledge student accomplishments in areas both academic and character-related. While there were elements of these meetings that were specific to each grade level, there were also common themes. Namely, that our students have worked hard and accomplished much to this point in the school year, and that the most challenging work still lays ahead.

Each of these messages is important in its own right. Students were acknowledged for a wide array of worthwhile achievements, both personal and in service to others. Additionally,

helping students to understand that the most challenging work is yet to come helps to prepare them to be successful in the coming months. Yet, while these messages are distinct, they are also inextricably linked.

The accomplishments for which students were recognized at the meetings, whether in the area of academics or in character, are within the reach of all of us. The key factor that helps any of us reach our full potential is in the will to consistently put forth one's best effort. So, while we tell students on the one hand that the most challenging work is still ahead, we remind them on the other hand that they all have the ability to meet those challenges. It is there best effort that will help them achieve all that they can.

Helping Middle Schoolers Transition to High School

The move from middle to high school can be a stressful time for your child. However, your support can prove valuable throughout their transition. As Pearl R. Miller eighth graders begin their scheduling process in anticipation of their transition to high school, keep these following tips in mind:

- Keep the lines of communication open with your child. This will give you a good idea of what their interests and strengths are heading into scheduling.
- Stay involved. Sometimes middle schoolers show signs that they don't want us involved as much anymore, but they really do. Your involvement will let them know that they can come to you any time.

As your child prepares to exit eighth grade, keep in touch with his or her teachers to see how they are continuing to perform. Also, don't be afraid to ask your child questions at home about how they see themselves as student preparing to enter high school. This kind of communication can reveal a lot that your child may be thinking or feeling.

March 3:
Military Bridge

March 10:
Eighth Grade Parent
Night

March 16:
Oratorical Speech
Contest

March 23 and 24:
High School Scheduling

Dates To Remember

April 23
Talent Show

April 27-April 30
NJ ASK Grades 7-8

May 3-May 6
NJ ASK Grade 6

Mark your Calendar

Internet Safety for Parents

PRM Home and School
Association
presents

Weds March 31, 2010

7:30 PM

PRM Cafeteria
117 Kiel Ave



Teens and pre-teens are social networkers—facebook, twitter, IM and chatrooms are everyday communication tools. Learn about ways to make sure your kids are safe in the cyber world. This presentation, given by Detective Castellano of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, is important information for any parent.

Highlights

- Free Admission
- No registration required

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