

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director....

Dear CPSC Families,

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year. To our new families and students, the new school year holds hope for new friendships, a love for learning and belonging to a caring community. For all of our returning families, your children were probably counting down the days to work with their new teachers and reconnect with old friends. The new year has arrived poised to fulfill its hopes.

One of my most memorable moments this summer happened last weekend, when at 2:30 PM on a Saturday afternoon, my three year-old daughter, Nora, walked to our back door, propped it open and turned to me saying, "I'll stay here and look out for Scott's (her big sister's kindergarten teacher) white truck!" You know it's the start of the school year at CPSC when younger siblings not yet in school are so excited about seeing their big sib's teacher during the home visit they sit on the stoop for a half hour. Home visits at CPSC take many forms but at their heart, they mark the start of the most powerful relationship over the next year - your classroom teacher with your child and family. Parents tell me and research shows that the teacher makes the biggest difference in your child's education. Thank you for welcoming them into your home.

On behalf of the staff and faculty we look forward to a tremendous year. I can't wait to see you at the All School Picnic on Sunday.

Yours,

John

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sunday, July 24 | All School (Potluck) Picnic at Piney Wood Park. 4-7:00PM |
| Tuesday, July 26 | School Council Meeting in the Art room at 4:30pm (all welcome) |
| Thursday, July 28 | Class Parent meeting with Paula in the Big Room at 6:30pm
(Please check with your classroom teacher to confirm that you are a class parent) |
| Wednesday, Aug. 3 | Early Dismissal for all students (ASP begins at 1:30PM) |

PARENT NIGHTS

TUES., AUG. 2 FOR GRADES 3-5 & THUR., AUG. 4 FOR GRADES K-2

Parents and staff will gather in the Big Room at 6:30pm each night for new year greetings and to introduce our staff. Teachers will host parents in their classrooms after introductions to learn about the new school year.

Note: A few date corrections on the school calendar sent home in the June Mailing include:

Thanksgiving break is Wed, Nov. 23 – Fri, Nov. 25 & Mon., Apr. 9 is vacation or a snow make up day and the new quarter begins on Tues., April 10, 2012.