

# Thursday Packet

## *Principal's Message*

Kensington Elementary School

Judy Sanders, Principal

May 1, 2008

It is hard for me to believe that it is already May! My first year as principal is almost over, and I am able to look back and think about some of our many accomplishments. One significant event occurred during this past week which has been on my "to do" list since the first day I accepted this position. Our new emergency container was delivered on Monday, and thanks to the help of some very dedicated volunteers, ably led by Mark and Cara Bell and Ellen Morrissey, we now have food, supplies, and water housed in a new, water-tight container on our campus. In the event of an earthquake or other natural disaster we will be prepared to care for members of our school community. Thanks to everyone for your hard work. This was another example, in the great Kensington tradition, of many people working cooperatively to get the job done!

Our STAR testing is proceeding smoothly. We appreciate your assistance in getting your students to school on time every day. Testing begins first thing in the morning; please remind your children that, while they are marked tardy if they arrive after 8:30, they do not need to come to the office for a "tardy slip" unless they arrive after 8:45.

Many parents have approached me with questions and concerns about how classes will be formed for next year and who their child's teacher will be. I want to assure you that all of the teachers at Kensington take the task of forming the following year's classes very seriously. Many hours are spent in collaboration with grade-level colleagues to create balanced classes. We do not accept specific requests for individual teachers for a variety of reasons, including the fact that there are often changes in staffing during the summer that cannot be anticipated. If you have a particular concern please discuss it with your child's current teacher; he or she will be working with the others at your child's grade-level before school is out to form next year's classes.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- April 22-May 20 - STAR testing
- May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6 - Dads' Club Meeting - 7:00 - MPR
- May 7 - ELAC Meeting - 5:30 - 6:30 - Faculty Room
- May 7 - School Site Council Meeting - 6:30-8:00 - Faculty Room
- May 8 - PTA Meeting
- May 10 - Carnival
- May 13 - KEF Meeting - 7:00 - Faculty Room
- May 15 - Open House - 7:00 - 8:00
- May 17 - District Writing Fair - 12:30-4:00 - Lovonya DeJean

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