

July 24, 2009

It Makes Sense!

1 A Note from Dr. Lasmanis ~

Welcome and Welcome back!

This **newsletter** is the **single source** for **school wide information**. Classroom specific information will come from your students' teachers. School wide information will be in the **newsletter** which is also **available** on our web-site: www.senseindy.org.

If you have more than one student at SENSE, each student will bring home a copy. This is just one way we can assure that a copy gets home.

It is here, **in the newsletter**, that we will announce upcoming events, calendar and scheduling changes, remind you of very important events and dates, and keep you informed about what is going on in our community.

Look for this **EVERY Friday**, or on a **Thursday if school is scheduled to be closed on a Friday**.

MY PERSONAL PLEA on behalf of your student: The very first step to an excellent education at SENSE is being at SENSE **every day** and **on time!**

The school day starts at 8:15 AM. That means that your student should be in the building BEFORE 8:15, not just arriving at 8:15.

Last year our **attendance** improved, but we **failed to reach the 86%** attendance rate.

Yes, there is a clear and direct relationship between a student's attendance and their academic performance. Please give your student every opportunity to excel!

We are in partnership with you, our students' families.
Let's commit to making this the best year ever!!!

To that end, my door is open and I can be reached by phone at 423-0204 ext.101!

REMINDERS!

Boys & Girls Clubs

Closed for 3 weeks

Mon., August 3rd
through
Fri., August 21st

Re-open: Mon., August 24th

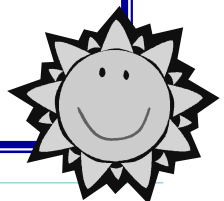


PTO Meeting

Tuesday, August 11
5:30 p.m.

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WELCOME BACK!

We'd like to welcome all of our new and returning families.
Office hours are from 7:45 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

Transportation:

Just a friendly reminder that all transportation changes and arrangements should be made directly to the school office by no later than 2:00 p.m. daily. If we have not received this information we will follow the assigned arrangement. We can be reached at 317-423-0204 with any questions or concerns.



Applications for Free & Reduced Priced Meals and

Other benefits: The IN State Department of Education Office of Food and School Nutrition has implemented a **new system** of directly verifying students and families to determine the eligibility of the USDA Free Lunch benefit program.

Instead of the traditional method of requiring parents to fill out a paper application, direct certification allows the state to match the school's enrollment with the state's public service systems and identify students who would qualify for free lunches. Direct certification saves time and helps identify students who would otherwise not be identified.

Please be on the look out for a letter explaining your benefits and procedures. Families who do not automatically qualify for free meals via this new system will be required to submit a paper application and any supporting information in order to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Mrs. Stewart at 423-0204, ext. 118.

What's for Lunch?

SENSE has a new lunch vendor. ARAMARK will be providing our students with new and selective food choices for both breakfast and lunch.

ARAMARK currently works with over 500 school districts nation wide and their focus is on helping your students' *overall wellbeing and growth* with nutritious menus that *support student achievement*. We are excited about our partnership with ARAMARK, so, be on the look out for the monthly menu, additional information and food prices.

Out to
LUNCH!

2009-2010 Registration Packets: If you have not yet turned in your student information forms to the front office please do so before or by Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

