

The Hedgehog Herald

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Dear Holly Grove Families,

School Improvement Plan

Our committees are working to complete our work plan for the 2008-2009 school year. The work plan is a document we create from the school improvement plan that was written last year. We are excited as we begin this next process. In math our smart goal was to improve from 54% growth to 70%. The staff worked hard to meet this goal by having math nights and focusing our attention on common assessments, as well as working by grade levels to provide specific interventions and enrichment. I am proud to report that we met that goal during the 2007-2008 school year, so we will be rewriting our math smart goal. We are in need of five parents to work on our committees. If you are interested in working on a school improvement committee, call me at 577-1700 or Angela Oneil at 577-1714.

Safety

Safety at Holly Grove is very important. To that end, we have recently installed a speed bump and chain gates. The speed bump's location is to ensure that cars slow down at the crosswalk where our walkers cross daily. The gates will help us route cars so that our carpool wraps through the parking lot to keep as many cars off Avent Ferry Road as possible during dismissal.

Safety Drill

We will conduct two safety drills during the month of October. The purpose of these drills is to prepared staff and students by practicing those procedures we have in place in the event of an emergency. We will include the Holly Springs police and our own security department. If you have been at Holly Grove, you are aware that we have conducted these types of drills each year. We will prepare the children by informing them that this is a drill and will debrief afterwards as well.

PTA

I would like to thank our very active PTA. We have a very productive meeting on September 16th. Thanks and Kudos to Tracy Edick and her committee for a successful fundraiser with the Citipass coupon books. We raise \$12,740.00 to support PTA sponsored programs and activities. We have scheduled four cultural arts programs for our students this school year.

Character Education

Mrs. Ray-Nobles and Mrs. Neumann have kicked off our character education program for the year. Thanks to the parents that have volunteered their time to work with our staff on character education.

Thanks for your continued support of our school and school programs. We are busy at Holly Grove working to support our students.

Sincerely,

Wiladean R. Thomas, Principal