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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! I am looking forward to continuing our work together this school year and working as a team to “*Achieve the Impossible*”! As a strong partnership between home and school is important, I am going to ask that you make a commitment to stay informed and be active in your child’s learning. Therefore, I am going to ask that you try to attend parent meetings, publishing parties, parent conferences, school events, as well as, read all parent communiques. Remember, it takes a village to raise a child.

This year, as last, we will continue to focus on leadership. During the year, we will assist all of our students in discovering their unique strengths and gifts. These strengths will be developed over time so that each child can continue to establish life skills and become influential members of society by learning the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. I encourage you to speak with your children about the 7 habits so that we can bridge the work that is done in school with the home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide you with some additional important information. Please remember to review the parent handbook for this school year. The handbook clearly outlines all of our school policies and procedures for the 2014-2015 school year. Although stated in the handbook, I would like to remind you that anyone picking up a student must have photo identification and must be identified on the blue emergency card. In addition, it is very important that you are on time to pick up your child at dismissal. **Dismissal is at 2:30pm for Kindergarten and 2:35pm for Grades 1st through 5th**.

Please remember that all students will receive a yellow P.S. 506 folder. It is your responsibility to check the folder daily. Since this folder will be used for home/parent communication throughout the year, it is also your responsibility to complete, sign and return any forms located within the folder. As part of your child’s daily responsibility, he/she is required to read daily, record their reading onto the Reading Log Sheet and write a daily response. The book log and support sheets will be available to assist with this requirement. Please check and sign this homework assignment daily.

As you are aware, it is extremely important that your child attends school every day and arrives on time, prepared to learn. **School starts promptly at 8:20am**. Once again we will be using Global Connect, the parent call system. This system will inform you about your child’s absences and lateness. It will also provide you with school messages related to report cards, meetings, school closings, and other important events in our school. Please ensure that we have a current phone number. If your number changes, you must come up to school so that we can change it.

Regarding the breakfast program, I am asking your cooperation with the following schedule. If your child is arriving for breakfast, I am asking that he/she arrive at 7:45am (Monday-Friday). **NO students will be allowed into the building until 7:45am. Please do not leave children unattended outside.**

Thank you,

Lisa Sarnicola
Principal