

## ***Headlines***

Dear Parents,

This is the first of my (usually) weekly emails. Last year they were called Celebrations and Reminders. This year, I will be switching the title to Headlines. I borrowed this from former head of school Larry Boggess who produced brief newsletters with the same name. I like Headlines because of the play on words and because it is easier for me to say. Each week in Headlines, I will offer a few observations and some all school reminders. I hope you find these emails informative and enjoyable. I encourage all of you to also read your classroom newsletter each week for specific information and reminders.

**The First Day** - Our first day of school proved to be a wonderful day for all. I saw many students actively engaged in classroom activities and enjoying the opportunities to be with old friends and meet new ones. Especially warming was watching the first graders helping the new kindergarten students learn the routines and adjust to their classroom.

**In-service** – Our teachers had a great in-service week. Besides the issues that usually present themselves at the beginning of the school year, we had several good discussions on topics from our summer reading “Teaching Children to Care”. This is a highly regarded book for teachers, stressing positive management techniques and building classroom communities.

### ***Reminders***

**Friday Folders** - Folders went home today via the backpack express. They contain important forms, information, and student work for you to review and return. This week we ask that you review the parking lot procedures, review and sign the seat belt policy, and complete the Friday lunch form if needed. Families who did not receive their school handbooks will also find a copy in the Friday Folder.

**School Forms** – Thanks to all of our families who have completed and returned the registration forms. These forms provide us with critical contact and health information that we need in emergencies. If you have not done so, please make every effort to have them in on Tuesday.

**A Message from President Obama** – The president will be giving a speech directly to school students on Tuesday September 8th at 1pm. The focus of his talk will be on persisting and succeeding in school. We will be watching his talk together as a school in either the community room or the library. Parents are invited to join us for this event. Please let us know if you are planning to attend.

**K/1 Potluck** – The K/1 potluck supper will be held this Friday, September 11th, at 5:30 in the school's community room. This is an ideal time for parents to meet and share a meal. Please make plans to join us. Other classroom potlucks will be announced shortly.