

Dear Bromwell Community,

The end of a school year is always bittersweet. This year at Bromwell, it is even more so, as we must say farewell to several members of our dedicated staff. Some staff members are retiring, and a few have been offered opportunities elsewhere. It's always hard to say good-bye!

This has been a year of change, not only at Bromwell, but also throughout all of Denver Public Schools. These changes result from the implementation of LEAP, a new teacher performance assessment system, and the discussion of new core curriculum standards for next year. These new systems and standards are requiring teachers to change their teaching practice and methodology. As we all know, change is difficult. However, change is also an opportunity for growth. I personally have grown as a leader this year. As our school's instructional supervisor, I recognize that it is my responsibility to lead our community through the tides of all this change.

Bromwell will have seven new staff members join our team next year. The strength of our community is when all of us –staff and parents – come together in a professional manner to do what is in the best interests of our children, and unite in positive collaboration for the sake of providing the best education for all of the children.

To that end, I have hired a facilitator to work with our staff on building that positive collaboration and working environment, to improve our professional communication standards, and to warmly welcome and support our new staff members. I believe that if each one of us is willing to be part of this process then Bromwell as a team will meet the new demands being placed upon us successfully.

I would like to take this opportunity to bid adieu to our parting staff members, as well as our  $5^{th}$  grade graduates and families. Class list assignments will come out the week of August  $20^{th}$ . I wish each one of you a very happy, relaxing, and restful summer.

Sincerely,

Jody Cohn
Bromwell Principal