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Dear Parents,

We have joyfully completed our first two weeks of the new school year. It seems that children (hopefully parents too) have settled into the familiar rituals and routines of school. There is such a feeling of excitement when I walk into classrooms and observe children and teachers engaged in their learning and having fun! I just wanted to take the time to offer a few reminders regarding some upcoming dates that you may want to mark on your calendars.

- ✦ Our Yogurt Social will be this Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm on the playground. It will be a wonderful time to catch up, share summer stories and connect.
- ✦ We will also be hosting a School Based Community Meeting with DeVita Bruce, Director of Operations and Community Engagement on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in our All-Purpose Room. At that meet we will be introducing our Design Advisory Group (DAG) Members, as well as the Architect and Project Manager for the Bond Project, which is currently scheduled to begin summer 2014. In addition, we will provide an over view of the process and proposed timelines.

In mention of the Design Advisory Group, also referred to as the DAG, I would like to thank all parents who expressed an interest in serving in this capacity. The DAG will consist of 5 parents, 5 staff members, a community representative and the principal. The following parents will serve on our DAG: Scott Johnson, Stephen Walker, Katrina Eckelhoff, Pam Lawrence, and Bernard Candelaria. The 5 staff members include: Amy Ford, Nathan Bowers, Cindy Kraybill, Steven Replogle, and Sarah Duran. Our community representative is David Pfeifer. The purpose of the DAG is to work with the architect and project manager to define the scope of the work being done at Bromwell and to keep the school community informed. I look forward to working with the DAG, and beginning this process, which will enhance our school immensely.

I also wanted to address a slight misunderstanding regarding procedures in our lunch room. Some children are feeling that they are not allowed to talk during their lunch period. This is not the case, however upon entering the lunch room we do encourage them to do so quietly, gather their lunch bags from their classroom lunch cart or from the hot lunch line, and settle in before enjoying conversations using their inside voices with their peers. I believe this process should take no longer than 3-5 minutes. By doing so, the lunchroom remains a bit calmer, and actually allows for conversations to be heard.

I hope your family enjoys a wonderful weekend!

Jody Cohn, Bromwell Principal