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Dear Bromwell Families,

Welcome back to a wonderful new year! It is such a pleasure being with our students once again, and listening to their adventures over the holidays! Teachers also had the opportunity to catch up with each other the first day back during our professional development and assessment day. It was such a treat for teachers to have lunch catered by our PTA, which by the way was amazing! A big thank you goes out to all of our parents that make Bromwell such an outstanding school.

During our professional development and assessment day on January 6th, the teachers and I worked with Jeff Wein, an executive consultant, to continue our work with vision and mission. Our focus is to provide equity of access to all learning, which encompasses differentiation and collaboration in our classroom and within our professional culture. We will continue to work with Jeff Wein over the remainder of this month and plan to invite parents to a *Curriculum Night* in February, so that we may share more information with our families. More information on the *Curriculum Night* will be forthcoming.

In addition to our work with vision and mission, our teachers continue to implement units of study that are aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS.) I have attached a short article that describes the shifts, which have the most significant impact on teaching and student learning. I hope that you will find it interesting and helpful in understanding what is occurring within instruction, not only at Bromwell, but in schools across the entire state.

This week I will be meeting with the various departments within DPS to begin making specific plans for the transition of Bromwell to Byers for the 2014-2015 school year. I'm looking forward to providing information to you by next week, however knowing that this will be a continuing process, watch for frequent updates regarding the move.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Bromwell on honors that were bestowed upon us by the Colorado Department of Education: ***The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award and The John Irwin School of Excellence***. Congratulations are extended to the entire Bromwell community including students, parents and our teachers!

Sincerely,

Jody Cohn
Bromwell Principal