

A Note From the Principal

Dear Sexton Mountain Families,

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year! We at Sexton Mountain Elementary School are delighted to be working with you and your children this year. With your help and support we have a great school year planned. We know that parental involvement is a crucial element in the implementation of our Building Learning Plan Goals and most importantly, your son and/or daughter's success in school. With the combined efforts of students, staff, parents, and community, our work this year be most effective and rewarding.

The following information may be helpful as we begin the school year.

School Hours

School begins at 8:30 am. Students may arrive at 8:05 and will be dismissed to their classrooms at 8:30. If students are being dropped off please have them enter at the side doors next to the cafeteria. Dismissal is at 3:05 pm. Morning kindergarten hours are from 8:30 - 11:00 am and afternoon kindergarten hours are 12:30 – 3:05 pm.

Playground and School Supervision

Direct supervision begins at **8:05 am** and concludes at dismissal times, unless special arrangements have been made for specific events. If students want to play at school after hours, they must first go home and report to parents or child care providers. They may return to the playground **after 4:00 pm**, but **NO SUPERVISION** of any kind is available.

Closed Campus - In an effort to protect all of our children, all parents and visitors are asked to enter through the front doors of the building and sign in at the office.

Sexton Mountain requires students to remain on the school grounds during school hours. In addition, any time you take your child out of school for appointments, vacations, or transfers **you must sign your child out in the office**. Please bring a note in advance

when you know your child will be leaving school. **Teachers will not release students** to parents who have not first checked in with office personnel.

Transportation Safety

If you will be providing transportation for your child, please observe the following guidelines when dropping off or picking up your child. There will be staff members assigned to the parking lot each day in an effort to help ensure safety for all.

- Only students should get out of and into cars in the drop off and pick up areas identified by staff members who are directing traffic.
- Because of the number of children who attend Sexton Mountain, there will undoubtedly be traffic congestion at times.
- Please be patient and helpful.
- Please do not park in the fire or student pick up lanes.
- Please do not drop off or pick up your children on 158th. No staff members are assigned to this area.
- Please use extreme caution when entering or exiting the school parking lot.

Important Documents

Your child should have received a packet of information, including the Parent/Student and BSD Consistent Discipline handbook, to take home today. Please take time to look through the handbook and other materials in the first day packet, as there will be information that is important for you to have. Please return the student verification form and other necessary documents to the school by Tuesday, September 16th.

The Sexton Mountain staff and I look forward to a wonderful 2008 – 2009 school year.

Sincerely,

Don Martin, Principal