

## A Note From the Principal



Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year and thanks to each one of you who attended the Open House/Ice Cream Social September 3. It was great to see all our returning students and students who are new to Sexton Mountain. We appreciate our very supportive PTC for providing the ice cream, punch, and volunteers. We had a very smooth and enjoyable first week of school. Our first All School Assembly on Friday was a nice way to welcome everyone back. During the assembly new teachers and students were introduced, our positive student behavior system was reviewed, and Sparky, our school mascot, made a timely appearance. We had our first fire drill in the afternoon, which was very successful.

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 School Improvement 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 will 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.

### **Picture Day**

School pictures will be taken of all students and staff on Wednesday, September 23.

### **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** is available.

### **Dogs**

Parents are asked to **not** bring dogs on campus during school hours or during drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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 him/her 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 and you are asked to honor their requests. Only students should get out of and into cars in the drop off and pick up areas (**curbside only please**) 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 158<sup>th</sup>. No staff members are assigned to this area. Please avoid driving through the DO NOT ENTER area of the driveway. Please use extreme caution when entering or exiting the school parking lot.

### **Important Documents**

Please take time to look through the Student/Parent Handbook and other materials that arrived in the first day packet, as it contains information that is important for you to have.

The Sexton Mountain staff and I look forward to a wonderful 2009 – 2010 school year.

**Don Martin, Principal**  
Sexton Mountain School