

Central School

61 Woodside Road, Riverside, IL 60546

(708) 447-1106

Dr. Janice Limperis, Principal

August 23, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying the last few days of summer. As you begin thinking about the 2011-12 school year, this information should answer some of your questions. Students will be receiving a contact from his/her teacher before the first day of school. Class lists will be posted on the main front door of the school on Friday, August 26th at 9:00 a.m. **School begins on Tuesday, August 30th** with a half day for 1st to 5th grades (8:25- 11:30). All Kindergarten students are invited to visit their classroom for 20-30 minutes with their parents between 8:25 and 11:30.

Staff assignments (to date) for the 2011-12 school year follow:

CLASSROOM TEACHERS:

Ms. Kristen Economos, Kdg. AM & PM
Ms. Lisa Sula, Kdg. AM
Mrs. Erin Feldman, 1st Grade-
-Ms. Kelsey Hogberg, sub for Mrs. Feldman
Mrs. Claudia Murdock, 1st Grade
Mrs. Susan Scaggs, 1st Grade
Mrs. Stephanie Musgrave, 2nd Grade
Mrs. Katie Walsh, 2nd Grade
Ms. Alexandra Laws, 2nd Grade
Mr. Adam Endriukaitis, 2nd Grade
Mrs. Cara Ross, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Mary Kladis, 3rd Grade
Ms. Viktorija Vizek, 3rd Grade
Mr. Kurt Preble, 3rd Grade
Ms. Michelle Laughlin, 4th Grade
Mrs. Samantha Lutz, 4th Grade
Mrs. Gale Teune, 4th Grade
Ms. Valerie Brackett, 5th Grade
Mr. Steve Elgeness, 5th Grade
Ms. Erin McCarthy, 5th Grade

SPECIALS:

Mr. Bill Howes, Music
Ms. Jean Mathis, Art
Mrs. Patricia Dost, Physical Education

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Mrs. Danae Calvo, Resource
Mrs. Donna Considine, Resource K-1-2
Ms. Allison Kamp, Resource 3-4-5
Mrs. Tara Kristoff, Quest 3-4-5
Mrs. Erin Adelsman, Fully Supported
Mrs. Halina Pliwko, TPI Teacher

PARA-PROFESSIONALS:

Mrs. Karen Brudniak, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Rose Mary Burandt, Paraprofessional
Ms. Andrea Flodin, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Maria Lombardo, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Nancy Jaros, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Geri Lynn Pendola, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Pat Rohm, Paraprofessional
Mrs. Susan Sherman, Paraprofessional

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Dr. Mary Polk, Director of Special Education
Mrs. Robin Jackson, Spec. Ed. Secretary
Mrs. Linda Roberto, Spec. Ed. Secretary
Mrs. Laurie Swanson, Social Worker
Ms. Carol Gober, Speech Therapist
Ms. Michelle Imes, Speech Therapist

LIBRARY:

Ms. Gail Bieschke, Media Specialist
Mrs. Ellen Nolan, Media Assistant

CUSTODIANS:

Ms. Hristina Bojkovski, Evening
Mr. Russell Moytokowski, Day
Ms. Linda Solomon, Evening

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Janice Limperis, Principal
Mrs. Meg O'Brien, Admin. Coordinator

OFFICE TEAM:

Mrs. Deborah Catalano, School Secretary
Mrs. Dina Witken, Office Assistant
Mrs. Geanna Chapp, Nurse

Returning Student Registration:

If you did not return your registration packet and fees in June, please download your forms from the District 96 website at www.district96.org. Late forms and fees must be turned in to the Central School child's immediately. Fees are listed by grade on the website. Checks should be written to Riverside District 96. Be aware that there is a risk to registering late. Late registrants may attend schools other than Central.

Students New to the District:

If you know of any families new to our district, please tell them that registration forms are online at www.district96.org. Registration forms, address verification and fees should be returned to the District Office at 2400 10th Avenue, North Riverside.

School Hours: Starting Wednesday, August 31st:

AM Kindergarten	8:25 - 11:20
PM Kindergarten	12:10 - 3:05
Grades 1 - 5	8:25 - 12:00 (First bell - 8:15) 1:00 - 3:05 (First bell - 12:50)

Supervision is not provided on the playground before these starting times. Students should arrive on the school grounds five (5) minutes before the start of the morning session (8:10 a.m.) Students are expected to go home promptly when dismissed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and in the afternoon at 3:05 p.m. Students may ONLY play on the equipment in front of the building after school with parent supervision. The equipment is reserved for young children only (K-1-2). School personnel are not available to supervise the playground equipment after school.

Student Absence:

A parent or guardian must call the school office at 447-1106 before 9:00AM to report the absence of your child. This is an important safety measure for your child. We need your cooperation with this request and this policy offers you the security of knowing that he/she has arrived safely at school. Good attendance and being on time each day are an expectation. There are positive correlations between good attendance and successful academic performance.

Bicycles and Scooters:

Students in grades three through five are permitted to ride their bicycles to school as long as they obey the safety rules, lock their bicycles to the bicycle rack, and wear a helmet. Scooters/skateboards are not permitted on the school grounds district wide.

Physical Examinations:

The Illinois School Code specifies that physical examinations are mandatory for children entering kindergarten and the sixth grade. Each kindergarten child and sixth grade child must have his/her doctor's report of the mandated physical examination by August 30th, 2011. The Board of Education of District 96 has directed that the terms of the School Code be strictly enforced. Exceptions to this regulation are made only for those students whose parents or guardians have filed with the principal of the school an annual written objection to a physical examination on religious grounds. (The School Code of Illinois, 1985, Chapter 122, Section 27-8.1.)

Dental Examinations:

The Illinois State Law requires a dental examination for all incoming Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students. This should be provided at registration or by the first day of school.

School Records:

The law governing student records requires us to advise you annually that no person outside of the district may see any of the material in your child's file without a signed permission slip from you. This ruling also affects the transfer of records for those children moving from our district. Your child's file is always open to you whenever you wish to make an appointment with the teacher or the principal for the purpose of examining the materials in your child's record file.

Lunch at School:

Lunch hour:	1 st -3 rd Gr.	Lunch: 12:00-12:25	Recess: 12:25-12:50
	4 th -5 th Gr.	Lunch: 12:25-12:50	Recess: 12:00-12:25

Students may bring a lunch or buy hot lunch. Current costs to students are as follows:

Class A Hot Lunch (on menu):	\$ 2.40
Book of 20 lunch tickets (includes milk)	\$48.00

Students who forget to bring a lunch or payment for a hot lunch will be allowed to call home. **Borrowing a ticket or money is no longer permitted.**

Student Pictures:

Student pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 8th. You will receive more information about this the first week of school.

Instrumental Music:

The Board of Education provides both string and wind instrumental instruction. String instruction and wind instrumental instruction begins in the fifth grade. Both programs continue through the eighth grade. These lessons are optional. The only cost to the parents is the instrument. Information regarding this program and the instruments will be given at a meeting at Hauser Junior High School early in September.

School Parties:

It is customary in District 96 to limit parties during the school year to those, which do not interfere with the educational program. Refreshments may be served. Parents are asked **not** to send cake, cookies, toys, or any type of treat on a child's birthday or on holidays throughout the year. Although the desire to supply these treats may be motivated by a very commendable attitude on the part of the parents, they lead to many obvious difficulties should the practice become general and be repeated many times during the year. Invitations to parties held outside the school may be distributed at school only if each child in the class has been invited.

Security System Procedures at the Central/Hauser Complex:

We are extremely concerned about the safety of the children. Please use the buzzer located at the Central School main entrance to enter the school. You will be required to sign in at the office upon entrance to the building. Then, you will be issued a visitor's pass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students Transportation Safety:

The Board of Education has adopted a policy requiring that the transportation of all students shall provide seat belts or other restraining devices, except in emergencies. Students who fail to secure themselves in safety restraints while seated on a bus will be subject to disciplinary action.

We are looking forward to providing your child with the best academic experience possible. We also look forward to your participation and volunteer time at school. Your PTO membership will make you feel connected to the school community.

We are all looking forward to a successful 2011-12 school year for your family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janice Limperis
Principal