

February 4, 2009

Dear Families,

Well, we made it through January, the days are getting longer and I have seen Robins in my yard! Spring is on the way!

We have a number of exciting events that you might be interested in. After all, we can never have too much information as parents!

***First, our **Go Green, Go Healthy Fair is Saturday, February 7, 2009**. This is an opportunity to gather information about healthy life styles and environmentally healthy practices. Admission is free, and all attendees will be entered into a raffle for some very nice prizes.

Doors open at **9:30 AM and close at 12:30**, please enter through the main entrance.

*****Families First** is hosting parenting workshops on **Tuesday 2/10/09 and 2/17/09**. I encourage parents and care givers with students in grades 3-8 to attend. This will be held in the school library, pizza and babysitting is available. Please call the school to sign up.

*****Reading and Literacy**: For parents and care givers of kindergarten and preschoolers. Please join us to learn about pre-reading strategies, Readers Workshop and best practices in literacy.

And finally, on **February, 18 and 19th** we will be presenting the first draft of our new **Standards Based Reporting system**.

Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction are constant intersecting practices that drive our instructional methods. In order to accurately track learning and report progress throughout the year we had to re-invent our reporting system. On these evenings you will learn how the proposed system will work. Your questions are important to us.

I hope to see everyone over the next two weeks.

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