

BRADLEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you've had an enjoyable summer vacation. As our recess is soon to end, I'd like to welcome you back to a productive new year at Bradley School and share some important information with you.

The first day of school is **Monday, August 30th**. Please note that there will be a slight change to our schedule this year. Our new school hours are **8:00 A.M. to 2:25 P.M.** I and/or a staff member will be in front of the school entrance to greet the students as they arrive every morning. Students should not arrive to the school any earlier than 7:45 A.M. as there will not be any staff supervision prior to that time. To ensure the safety of the children, all cars must stay in a single line while approaching the school entrance, and students should exit from the right side of the car only. Additionally, parents are asked not to park along the driveway leading to the front door of the school during the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal periods. As always, the parking lot in front of the school is designated for staff members only, and double parking cannot be permitted so that the school buses may freely pass through. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in following these safety rules.

There will be a few changes to our staff for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Chantel Gerckens and Mrs. Pam Kichar will be our Library Clerks, and Mrs. Wolfert and Mrs. Andrews (grade 6) have moved to the Derby Middle School. A new 5th grade teacher and a new Physical Education teacher will also be named and added to the staff roster.

On the first day of school, students will receive a *Bradley School Handbook*. Kindly keep it handy as it outlines the year's schedules and provides important information on our school programs, policies and procedures. The *Bradley School Newsletter* containing a monthly calendar of events and other important school happenings will also be distributed on the first day of every month throughout the school year. In the interim, please mark your calendars for early dismissal at **11:55 A.M.** on the following days:

Early Dismissal Schedule

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| • Wednesday, September 15 | Bradley School Open House |
| • Wednesday, October 6 | Professional Development Day |
| • Wednesday, November 17 | Parent Conferences (afternoon) |
| • Thursday, November 18 | Parent Conferences (evening) |
| • Wednesday, November 24 | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| • Wednesday, December 1 | Professional Development Day |
| • Tuesday, December 23 | Winter Holiday |
| • Wednesday, February 2 | Professional Development Day |
| • Wednesday, May 4 | Professional Development Day |

Connecticut Mastery Tests will once again be administered during the month of March. Please schedule your vacation plans accordingly as it is essential for all students in grades 3 – 6 to be present for the testing.

Lastly, please remember that summer homework assignments should be completed and returned on the first day of school. Students who return their completed reading and math packets on August 30th will receive 2 free tickets to a Bridgeport Sound Tigers hockey game to be played at the Arena at Harbor Yard (the date and time of the game will be announced when we return to school).

As we embark on a new school year, let us keep in mind this quote by Les Brown, "*Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will fall amongst the stars.*"

I look forward to a successful school year and hope to see you at the Bradley School Open House on September 15th.

Warm regards,

Paul Landolfi