

Blind Brook Middle School

Principal's Corner

September 9, 2011

Dear Parents of Blind Brook Middle School Students,

Blind Brook Middle School opened this week with a flurry of excitement. Mother Nature seemed to be mourning the end of summer but the wet and blustery days did not dampen the spirits of our students as they began this new year. Grade level assemblies brought the entire class together as Mr. Richard (new assistant principal) and I shared our expectations and hopes for the coming year. We were both impressed with the students' demeanor which appeared confident and comfortable.

An unexpected fire drill found us standing in the rain as we waited for the all clear. The accidental alarm actually yielded important information about the challenges of an evacuation during lunch times. The administrative team and faculty will be meeting to address the issues and create contingency plans to ensure safety.

If you are the parent of an 8th grader you most likely heard the moans of your child as they communicated the disappointment of changes during the activity period. We are responsible for the safety and welfare of our students and are required to provide supervision throughout the entire school day. School is in session until 2:40. The previous "8th Grade Privledge" resulted in an entire grade being unaccounted for and supervision spotty at best. The potential for disaster and genuine concern for the safety of our 8th grade class prompted us to restructure the time. At this point 8th grade students are permitted to elect one of 17 possible destinations for the 20 minute activity period. I spoke with the students today and thanked them for their civil reaction and their willingness to work with me to develop new "privleges" that honor their status as leaders of the school. I'm hoping students will take me up on my offer and volunteer to serve on the "8th Grade Advisory Board". It is my intent to gather their ideas and empower students to become active participants in the creation of new and exciting privleges.

Through the generosity of the BB PTA, Ridge Street School tested the entire student body this week for lice. Several cases were found and families notified. I've attached some information about lice and encourage you to read the letter and take action as deemed necessary.

Please remember that if you are taking your child out of school for any reason, you must come to the middle school main office to sign your child out. If your child is returning to school, it is not necessary to accompany them back to the office. They may sign themselves back into school.

Finally, I'm told that some families did not receive the letter of introduction I sent during the summer. I've attached it for those who are interested.

All things considered I think we had a great week. I look forward to meeting you all and hope that many of you will find it possible to attend the Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:00AM.

Respectfully,

Pat Lambert