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Principal's Coffee

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Ridge Street School Cafeteria

Coffee, Tea and Snacks will be served!

Agenda

Common Core Standards - What does this mean for our school?

Upcoming Events

"The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy."

- Mission Statement from Common Core Standards Website

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October Principal's Coffee Meeting Notes

Thanks so much for coming this month!

Some information was shared regarding the Common Core Standards. The information was taken from the New York City Department of Education. You can certainly click on the link that has been highlighted or read the bulleted points to get a quick overview:

- New York State adopted the Common Core Standards in July 2010 with the understanding that New York State could add an additional 15% of NYS-specific standards in ELA and Mathematics.
- The Board of Regents approved the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards in January 2011. See the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for Math and ELA.
- The Common Core State Standards are fewer, clearer and higher than most state standards, and include rigorous content and application of knowledge through higher order skills.

I looked online and found some helpful information put out by the National PTA regarding Common Core Standards. In fact, I'm happy to see that there are Parent Guides based on the Common Core Standards that are specific to each grade level. **THIS IS A GREAT WEB RESOURCE:** <http://www.pta.org/4446.htm>