Dear STEM Families,

It has been a full September! We met for Back-to-School Night and held parent conferences. Parents, you attended PTSA, ELAC and GATE meetings. Parent participation indicates your support which is vital for the well being of the students and the school overall. We know that children’s success is closely related to parental involvement in their lives. Even if a child’s behavior makes a parent doubt it, the students in middle school crave adult attention. We are overjoyed when we can report on the maturity and dedication students show for each other and their community.

The outpouring of sympathy and support since the difficult news of Mr. John McGuinness’s death has been very reassuring. We attended his funeral last Friday and many students and their parents also attended. Many thanks to Ms. Teresa Anthony, who ran a fundraiser for Mr. McGuinness’s son, and to the many families that generously sent in checks. The PTSA will present one check to the Seamus McGuinness educational fund per the family’s request. If you would like to contribute, we will add your donation to the PTSA check. This check will be presented to the family when we hold a school ceremony in his memory. Students are currently planning what they would like to do in his honor. The McGuinness family thanked the school during his funeral and mentioned how much the cards students made had meant to their family. Students are hopeful that they can either plant a tree or create a bench with a plaque in his honor.

As for the coming weeks, we look forward to completing our first term and taking the October break beginning on the 12th. During this time, students in need of remediation will be invited to join an academic session offered for the first two weeks. We will return on November 2.

Please note the H1N1 informational sheet on the opposite side of the page. These guidelines should be followed so that we all stay healthy. Remember, do not send your child to school with a fever and keep her/him home for a full day after running a fever. This and lots of hand washing will prevent illnesses.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Elliott

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UPCOMING DATES

Oct.
1 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
2 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
5 School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
7 GATE Meeting in Staff Room 7:30 am
12 Intercession Begins
15 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Nov.
2 Students Return to School
   School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
4 GATE Meeting 7:30 am
5 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
11 Veterans’ Day Holiday
13 Trimester I Ends
18 ELAC Meeting in Staff Room 7:30 am
19 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
20 Trimester I Report Cards Mailed
26 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec.
1 Outdoor Education Students Leave
2 GATE Meeting in Staff Room 7:30 am
4 Outdoor Education Students Return
7 School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
10 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
17 Winter Concert 7:00 pm
18 Super Minimum Day Dismissal 12:35 pm
21 Winter Break Begins

Jan.
11 Students Return to School
   School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
12 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
13 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
14 Minimum Day Dismissal 1:38 pm
15 Super Minimum Day Dismissal 12:35 pm
18 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
19 Teacher Work Day – No School for Students
21 PTSA Potluck Mtg. in Staff Room 6:00 pm
   School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
22 Trimester II Progress Reports mailed

Feb.
1 School Site Council Meeting 3:00 pm
3 GATE Meeting in Staff’ Room 7:30 am
4 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm
12 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
15 President’s Day Holiday – No School
18 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm