

Thoreau Announcements

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Thoreau Families,

Welcome to a new school year! It has been such a pleasure greeting all of the students and their family members at both the open house last Thursday, September 2, and today, September 7, the first day of school. The students and staff are off to a great start! It is heartwarming to witness students' positive, glowing faces, eager to begin a new and exciting school year.

As I visited classrooms, I observed students seated at morning meeting introducing themselves to one another. I also saw students drawing self portraits and heard others talking about classroom norms and expectations. During lunch and recess, I also witnessed students being kind and attentive buddies to our new students. I also spoke to many students about their summer vacations and travels and learned that one student traveled to Iceland and another to China! I also observed teachers and students asking probing questions and hearing thoughtful responses. I look forward to learning more about all of our students and spending time in their classrooms this school year.

Next, just a reminder to families - The first PTG meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 PM and we will be hosting our Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 22 from 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM. We hope that you are able to join us at these upcoming events to learn about various events that will be planned by the PTG throughout the school year and to learn more about your child's classroom routines, grade level curriculum, and much more.

Also, thank you to all of the Thoreau families and the PTG members for hosting such a wonderful staff luncheon last Thursday. Not only was it delicious but it was very healthy and much appreciated by the entire staff!

The Thoreau staff and I look forward to a wonderful school year together!

Sincerely,

Kelly Clough
Principal
Thoreau School

FROM THE PTG PRESIDENTS

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had fun, relaxing summers and is looking forward to a fabulous 2010-2011 school year. We would like to extend an extra special welcome to all of our new students and families, our new staff members, and our new Principal, Kelly Clough. We are so happy to have you all at Thoreau, and look forward to working with you.

Hopefully, everyone's had an opportunity to peruse their Back-to-School Packets. Please try to get all of your forms filled out and returned to your children's teachers ASAP, especially the student health and emergency forms. It's very important to have these forms on file immediately. Also, please consider signing up to be a volunteer in the Grounds for Learning garden during lunch recess. The younger students especially look forward to being able to explore the garden at recess. If you are missing anything or have any questions about your packet, please let us know.

There are two great events coming up really quick to help us start off the school year with a bang! The Concord 375 Parade is this Saturday morning, September 11th. There will be a Thoreau School contingent marching, and we would love for you all to come on down with your Thoreau School spirit and join us. On Sunday, September 12th, please join the Thoreau Community at our Ice Cream Social from 2-4pm at the school. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

Our first PTG Meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 15th at 7pm in the cafeteria. These meetings are a great way to learn about Thoreau and the PTG's many programs. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please come if you are new to Thoreau! Please come if you have been around for many years and have not been before! Please come!

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars and line up your babysitters for Back-to-School Night which will be on Wednesday, September 22nd.

This summer was extra busy for some folks, and we appreciate their hard work and efforts in making sure that back-to-school went smoothly for all of us at Thoreau. Thank you to Margaret Ferren and Jen Johnson, our Room Parent Coordinators, and to Tracy Hoaglund, our Family Partners Coordinator. Also, much thanks goes to Jen Jiganti for organizing the Back-to-School Packets, as well as to Leanne Winkler, Beth Symko, Trish Siefer, Mel Jiganti, and Darren Brown for their help stuffing and distributing the packets. On a final note, our heartfelt congratulations go to Mrs. Thompson (nee Valeri) on her wedding this summer.

Have a great weekend!
Karen & Melanie, PTG Co-Presidents

CONCORD'S 375th BIRTHDAY PARADE

Calling all marchers! Thoreau School will have a marching contingent in this Saturday's parade and we want lots of marchers. Assembly is at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Armory on Everett St. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to last 2 hours. Marchers should try to wear a white shirt and blue pants/shorts etc. If interested please contact Eileen Robichaud at robilabs@comcast.net.

THOREAU SCHOOL ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Get ready for a wonderful afternoon reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones and dancing to the D.J.'s rock and roll tunes. And don't forget the ice-cream, with toppings and all! The Thoreau School Annual Ice-Cream Social is just around the corner. We hope you'll join us this **Sunday, September 12 from 2-4 p.m.**

LUNCH MENU Week of September 13 – September 17

Monday	Chicken Nuggets, Steamed Brown Rice, Carrot Coins
Tuesday	Early Release
Wednesday	Roast Turkey, Summer Vegetables
Thursday	Grilled Cheese, Soup
Friday	Sorrento's Pizza

AROUND TOWN

"It Takes A Village..."

Community Festival sponsored by Wah Lum Kung Fu of Concord in support of Riverside Community Care, will take place on September 25th. The purpose of this event is to help raise awareness, not only of the myriad of issues and stressors that can lead to youth suicide, but to also make information regarding resources, for both kids and their parents, more present and accessible, especially as we start the next school year. We would like to invite all students and their friends and families to come join us for a great day of fun, fellowship, and community. Besides the obvious, of raising money and awareness for a good cause, our main goal is to simply provide one more opportunity for kids and families to connect with each other, their school and community, and the support and resources that are there for them.

For further information please go to our web site at www.it-takes-a-village.com or contact Andrea Sheffield Director, Wah Lum Kung Fu of Concord at info@wahlumconcord.com or call (978) 371 - 0222. For more information on Riverside Community Care please go to www.riversidecc.org

Girl Scouts Can Do Anything!

Girl Scouting builds girls of Courage, Confidence, and Character who make the world a better place! Become a Girl Scout today and you can: make new friends, get involved, camp, sing, play, have fun, try new things, create, and explore new places and ideas!

Girls in grades K-12 are invited to come to one of our Fall Registration Events:

- September 16th, 6-8pm, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord
- September 18th, 10am-2pm, Concord Scout House, 74 Walden Street, Concord
- September 30th, at the Carlisle Fair before Back to School Night!

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