

May 30, 2008

Dear Families,

Can you believe that it is May already? May is such a busy time for families and we at Red Oak appreciate that you still make the time to support our work in the exceptional manner that you do. I have seen many parents here volunteering, attending plays and concerts, and coming to meetings.

Last Tuesday morning and evening, I presented a 30-minute DVD as a "State of the School Address". I was grateful to have about 40 parents join me. This DVD will be available for more viewings in the future.

The final days of school are filled with important events and times of which you must be aware. As done last year, we will have a STEP-UP DAY. STEP-UP DAY provides students with an opportunity to visit the grade level that they will enter in the 2008-09 school year. Students will meet the classroom teacher that they will tentatively be placed with in the fall and learn about the grade to come.

June 10th - This is the last day for Kindergarten students. On this day, Kindergarten students will have their STEP-UP DAY and visit the first grade classroom that they are tentatively placed.

June 11th - HALF DAY, Students will be dismissed at 11:40.
We have two STEP-UP DAYS. The first is at 9:10 AM. This is for incoming Kindergarten students. As students are engaging in activities, parents are invited to the student cafeteria for a Welcome Breakfast hosted by the PTA Welcoming Committee. The New Kindergarten Step-Up and Welcome Breakfast end at 10:00.

At 10:40 on June 11th, the remaining grades at Red Oak will have their STEP-UP DAY.

And again, remember that school ends at 11:40 on this day!

June 12th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! We dismiss at 10:00.

A wonderful tradition at Red Oak is a primary class creation of a quilt. Typically, this has been a first grade project, however, this year it was resumed by the second grade team. Parents have played an enormous role in the execution of this project. I am honored to announce the following locations of past class' quilts:

The 5th grade class of 2008 is donating their quilt, which will hang in the children's wing of Good Shepard Hospital in Barrington. The quilt from the 5th grade class of 2007 will hang at the Robert Depke Juvenile Justice Center in Vernon Hills.

We look forward to making the final weeks of school memorable and exciting!

For your children,
Ms. Susan Cahail

Red Oak Calendar

June 2	Food Day – Michael’s 2:15-3:00-3rd Grade “Taste of Chicago” in the Cafeteria
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4	Food Day –Potbelly’s 3rd Grade Field Trip to Chicago
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6	Food Day –Il Forno 1:00-3:15 Field Day
9	8:40-10:40- 4th Grade Invention Convention
10	Last day for Kindergarten and Preschool
11	9:15-10:00 New Family Parent Breakfast School hours: 8:40-11:40
12	Hours of the last day of School 8:40-10:00