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Dear parents,

Summer is passing by and soon we will be seeing the yellow school bus driving down our roads. The first day at MEMS/Dorset is Wednesday, August 30st. If anyone is interested in our after school program, please stop by the office and speak with Jane. Enrollment is opened to schools other than MEMS. We have changed the ages of the children attending the after school program. The ages are pre-k-2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

We have a lot of important events taking place this month, I have listed them below. Please mark your calendars.

- Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is our **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC/FAMILY NIGHT** at **5:30 pm -6:45pm.**



- Your entire family is invited. Food sign-up sheets will be placed on the doors outside each classroom. This is a great time for all of us to get together and enjoy some quality time outside or inside with great food, family, and friends. We are asking parents to bring in different types of salads, rolls, and dessert items; we provide the beverage, chips, hamburgers and hotdogs. Look for the sign-up sheets outside your child's door and sign-up for something yummy. It would be appreciated if you could bring your food item with you at the time of the picnic as our refrigerator space is limited. From 6:15-6:45 you can take this time to visit your child's new room and meet their new teachers. This is also a time to ask any questions that you may have about the transition, etc. I will stay on the playground with the children while this is taking place. ☺

- We will be making time for the children to visit their new classrooms Tuesday, 8/22 in the afternoon and Thursday 8/24 in the morning.
- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH** we are **CLOSING AT NOON**. This will give teachers some much needed time to get their rooms ready for **MONDAY, THE 28TH** which is our actual **MOVE UP DAY**.



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**STAFF NEWS**

This coming fall will prove to be a busy one with a few of our staff taking early education courses. Rachel and Lucie will continue taking classes this coming fall. Maggie is finishing up her summer work at NYU and will be obtaining her Bachelor's degree.

### HOUSE KEEPING:

Please remember to still provide sunscreen and a bathing suit for your child this month plus an extra set of clothing to leave in your child's cubby. We also need to remind you to take your child's sheet, blanket, bathing suit, and towel home each week to wash and return on Monday.



We will be **CLOSED** Monday, September 4th for **Labor Day**.

The Child-Adult Food Program form once again needs to be filled out. Even if you know that you do not qualify for this program you still need to fill out this form with the names of your family members. You may write in the space asking for income that you are not eligible but none the less **WE NEED A FILLED OUT FORM FROM EVERY FAMILY AT NDS**. Thank you in advance for taking the time. Forms are due back **ASAP**.

Eco-Healthy tip for the month:

Americans generate trash at an astonishing rate of four pounds per day per person, which translates to 600,000 tons per day or 210 million tons per year! While the most important way to save valuable resources is to use as few as possible in the first place, recycling and using recycled products is the next step.

### Benefits of Recycling

- Conserves natural resources like trees, metal, oil, and minerals for future generations
- Lessens habitat destruction as a result of deforestation. Recycling reduces need for raw materials and helps preserve our forests.
- Saves energy. A lot of energy is needed to make products from raw materials; recycling requires much less energy.
- Prevents emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants, leading to cleaner air, cleaner water and a more stable climate.
- Reduces the need for landfills and incinerators.