



Back to School!



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Principally Speaking . . .

Dear Parents:

Whew! It's hard to believe the first week of school has come and gone. We had a great one, thanks to the skill and experience of our wonderful North Penn staff. As the new person on board it has been wonderful to join this group and also to meet so many of the families that make up this school. I look forward to continuing to meet more of you, getting to know your children and learning the traditions of North Pennfield Elementary.

We appreciate all of your patience during this first week. As you wait for buses or come to the school to drop off and pick up your children, please know that we are working to smooth out the inevitable kinks that are all a part of getting the school year going. It always takes a few days for us to get back into the swing of things. You and your children may be feeling the same way about your schedules! I think that, by the end of the week, we all felt like we were back to our "A" games!

I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year and am very happy about the opportunity to join this school and the Pennfield Community. Everyone that my family and I have met has been so kind and welcoming to us as we make this our new home. It's an honor for me to serve this community and its families and I look forward to doing so for years to come. I will do so as part of an amazing staff of dedicated professionals. On behalf of all of us we say welcome to a great new school year!

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Hall



SEE YOU AT SCHOOL!

Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Show them that school comes first by trying to keep days off reserved for illnesses and family emergencies. Try your best to schedule routine doctor and dentist appointments for after school or over school breaks.

THAT'S THE TICKET!

During summer months children often have more time to spend watching their favorite television programs. As the school year begins, parents find themselves trying to limit TV time so students can stay focused on school work and family. Here's something to try: Every week, give your child seven slips of paper, each good for an hour of television. Help your child learn to plan ahead, for example, if they want to watch a two-hour movie on Saturday, they'll have to save an extra ticket during the week. This activity will help your child begin to learn the skill of prioritizing. Getting into the habit of saving tickets for TV time later, may also help get them out of their daily viewing habits.

News from North

This is the first newsletter "News from North" for the 2011-2012 school year. Future newsletters will be sent home via e-mail to those who signed up to use e-mail (usually on Fridays). If you do not use e-mail we will send a hard copy home with the oldest sibling in the building. We try very hard to publish a newsletter weekly to help keep parents informed and provide you with important school information. Newsletters and lunch menus are also posted on North Penn's web page found at www.pennfield.net