

## NOTES FROM MRS. GRECO

*October 9, 2003*

Thank you to our parents who helped to insure that our students taking the InView and TerraNova this week were well rested and well fed for testing. Only one more day to go! Special thanks from Patty Farrington on behalf of the Home & School Executive Committee to all the student servers who helped to make our Pancake Breakfast a success.

Our Enriched Math has begun for grades 1 to 5. It is a form of flexible grouping which we practice in our ILA program only it is in the Math subject area. Mrs. Overmier meets with children once a week and additionally, every other week Mr. Carr meets with children on Friday. This enables the children to follow a cycle of meeting once a week during week 1, twice a week during week 2, once a week during week 3, twice a week during week 4, etc. Our focus is on problem solving and higher thinking skills in Math. The groups are not static and children are selected if they have mastered a Math concept quickly and need less practice time on a particular basic skill. This means that some students will go out more often than others depending on their achievement level on the topic they are working on in Math. The children meet at the same time that their homeroom teacher is working with flexible groups in ILA. They do not miss their regular Math class. It is an example of our differentiating instruction according to a child's needs and abilities. This is not a precursor for Honors Math. Honors Math is a separate program with set criteria that begins in Grade 4.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have designated the October 24<sup>th</sup> Tag Day as the day that your donations will be sent to the Breathing Room in memory of Bernadette Collins.

Reminders: \*\*\*indicates items that need a response

- ✓ School Pictures Order Form.\*\*\*
- ✓ Applications for reduced/free school lunch, (sent home last week,) need to be returned. Applications will be submitted on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make the effort to apply if you think that you may qualify, even if you may not order at this time, because applications are only accepted in October!! No money exchanges hands at lunch time so if you qualify, it is completely confidential. \*\*\*

- ✓ Lunch payment envelope/order form and October menu.  
Please read Lunch order information carefully.\*\*\*
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pumpkin sale flyer.
- ✓ Abington Township Fall Programs (2 flyers).
- ✓ CYO Basketball registration flyer.\*\*\*
- ✓ Cookbook flyer.\*\*\*
- ✓ Auction Flyer.\*\*\*
- ✓ POPE DAY info.
- ✓ PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS DUE tomorrow 10/10/03.
- ✓ OUR "NEW" DEADLINE FOR ENCLOSURES FOR THURSDAY COMMUNICATION IS TUESDAY.

RETURN YOUR COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE tomorrow.\*\*\*