

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! Our elementary school family welcomes you and your child. We are proud of our commitment to high academic and behavioral expectations for our children. We have two major initiatives this year to support continued progress in each of these areas.

For the past seven years we have developed a positive and powerful character education program. We hope to build on this foundation by communicating very specific behavioral expectations and common language throughout all classrooms, busses, hallways, cafeteria and school areas.

We are using Panther PRIDE to communicate our school-wide behavioral expectations. Please **click here** for a detailed description of our PRIDE. Our staff will model, teach, practice, reinforce and re-teach our behavioral expectations.

Another major elementary school initiative this year is the implementation of a schedule that supports uninterrupted instruction in the core classes, language arts, math, science and social studies, as well as including an intervention/extension (I/E) period for each grade level. This new schedule will ensure time for remediation and lesson extensions for every child according to his/her need. We are hopeful that by working together across each grade level and using all support personnel to this end we can better differentiate instruction for all of our students.

We are able to accomplish this support by scheduling all grade level encore classes at the same time each day. Therefore, students may be scheduled with same-grade students from other homerooms in their encore class.

We are a learning community here. We will continue to research and implement best practices as we partner with parents to serve the children to the best extent we can.

Thank you for your partnership. We look forward to a year of growth and Saucon Valley Elementary School Panther PRIDE.

Sincerely,  
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