

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It has been a smooth and exciting start to the school year at the Voorheesville Middle School! I hope that you and your children are feeling equally as optimistic about the year! It seems remarkable that we have already reached the midpoint of the first marking period yet we find ourselves at the date for the initial achievement update of the 2009-2010 school year. Enclosed you will find your child's first quarter progress report. Please review it with him/her and, if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Ms. Blumberg in the counseling office or your child's teachers.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to remind you of several items of which you should be aware.

- If you have not yet returned your *Blue Confidential Form* (distributed during the first week of school) please update the form and return it to the Middle School Office as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up-to-date address and telephone information for mailing and emergency contact purposes.
- On Tuesday, October 20 residents will have the opportunity to *vote* on reserves. Voting will take place 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Middle School foyer. (See website for details.)
- New York State has identified **Tuesday, November 10** as the date on which the “**Emergency Go Home Drill**” will be completed. This drill helps the school prepare for the evacuation of students and staff in the event of an emergency. Busses will arrive early and students will be dismissed at 2:15 p.m. They will be arriving home approximately 15 minutes earlier than usual. All faculty and staff will also be asked to leave at that time. Students and staff who have after school activities will be housed in one area while awaiting the completion of the drill.
- Please mark your calendar for *American Education Week*, November 16-20, 2009. Extra chairs will be set up in the back of classrooms should you choose to come in and observe your child's classes.

Other Upcoming Dates/Events

October 15	PTA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., ES Library
October 16	Grade 8 Field Trip to New York City
October 19	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., HS Cafeteria
October 20	Red Cross Blood Drive, MS Gym, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; call HS office if interested in donating; walk-ins welcome
October 21-23	MS Book Fair

October 23	MS Teen Night, 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
November 3	LifeTouch Pictures
November 7	Cabaret Concert 7:00 p.m., MS Gym
November 9	Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m., HS Cafeteria
November 10	“Emergency Go Home Drill”
November 11	Holiday- School not in session
November 13	MS Teen Night, 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
November 16-20	American Education Week
November 16	1 st Quarter Report Cards
November 18 & 20	6 th Grade Trip to Albany Art Institute
November 19	PTA Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
November 25-27	Thanksgiving recess

Thank you for your cooperation and support. I'm very much looking forward to working with you and your children over the remainder of the year!

Sincerely,

Brian Whitley
Principal, Voorheesville Middle School