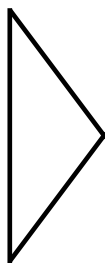


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!

As we begin the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our local schools. Teachers, administrators and other school personnel are working hard under increasing pressure to provide a quality education for your children. Your support of their efforts is critical.

I want to take this opportunity to share some ways that you may be able to help your child to learn. Children learn in different ways and through all of their senses. Every child has a tremendous capacity for learning, and teachers work hard to engage students in their own learning.

The brain learns when connections are made between what is experienced and what that experience means to the child. This is why it is important to connect to what children already know when introducing new lessons. Learning is enhanced when the child uses what he or she has learned, such as completing a division problem for the first time or practicing the piano.

We help children develop and learn properly by:

- Spending time with them.
- Connecting your child's learning to everyday life.
- Talking to your child about school and what they see on television.
- Encouraging your child to ask questions about things they are interested in.
- Finding out what careers your child may want to explore.
- Using the internet at home, school or a local library to help them answer questions.
- Ensuring your child has a healthy breakfast and adequate sleep.

Finally, talk to your child if you notice them struggling or feeling negative about school. Trouble at home, bullying, or even problems with a girl or boyfriend can affect their performance at school. Talking to your child's teacher or principal can provide the insights and information that can help them better understand and address your child's needs.

Thanks again for your support of education in the West Jefferson Hills School District. I wish you and your children the very best this school year.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Kinavey

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