

Pine Grove Manor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone! It's hard to believe that the 2011-2012 school year has begun. This year, we will continue to read, learn many new things, adapt to change, and develop new friendships. It is through these experiences that we will improve our academics, leadership skills and create a positive climate and safe environment at PGM. **By fostering a learning environment that promotes growth in all content areas through higher level thinking, we will also create an environment that encourages students to become independent problem solvers that become life-long learners and are productive and responsible citizens.**

I am very proud to announce that Pine Grove Manor has made AYP on the 2010-2011 NJASK for grades 3 and 4! Additionally, PGM has been identified as a top PBS elementary for improved positive behavior both on the bus and at school. Our bus infractions were one of the lowest of all elementary schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

This year, we will continue our wonderful and exciting **Reading incentive at PGM**. We are stressing the importance of Reading, not only during the school year and school day but over the summer and at home, as well. PGM will be "Reading Around the United States!" Each month, students will use their logs and minutes reading to exploring the country, traveling from one state to the next. The miles needed to travel to each state will come from the time that the students spend reading each night. At the end of each month, PGM will celebrate by coming together at a rally to recognize students who read! Students will receive a keychain charm of a car in September for reading over the summer and one state each month for reading. This incentive not

only incorporates Reading, but also Social Studies and Math. I will continue to motivate students by doing principal stunts at each rally. **My first principal stunt is on October 28th. Mr. Seto, our superintendent, has asked me for a re-match.** Therefore at the October rally, Mr. Seto will support PGM students and their reading by coming to the PGM rally and competing against me for the principal stunt.

A new playground will be installed this October 2011. A special thanks goes out to the PTO, PGM families, Franklin Township community and the Rotary Club for their support with this project and fundraising. What a great way to build our community and give back to the community. By working together, we are able to make our school the best it can be. I am so proud of your efforts and dedication to excellence!

Please remember that our second annual **International Dinner will be held in early November 2011.** It was a huge success last year. We tasted new foods, learned about other cultures and made new friends. Additionally, the PTO will be sponsoring movie nights this year. How exciting! It is important to find a way to support the PTO as they serve our children unconditionally.

Finally, as we enter the new school year together, please know that **I am very proud of the accomplishments of all of our students and of the selfless dedication of all of my faculty staff, and families. I truly appreciate all of our parent and teacher volunteers that come together to help throughout the school year. Through this team effort, our possibilities are endless.**

Sincerely,

Mrs. Whitner

Mrs. Whitner, PGM Principal