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WE NEED YOU!

This year we have **one** opening for our School Site Council. The first task to be accomplished by a SSC is the development of a school plan, including a budget. The school plan becomes the instrument by which the school, represented by the SSC and the local governing board, establishes a common agreement regarding the educational strategies that will be implemented at our school to help support the highest possible levels of teaching and learning. The School Site Council plays a central role in our school and we believe that the best decisions are made by those individuals who are most affected by them. The SSC meets five times per year, on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:15PM in the afternoon. We discuss a wide range of issues that face our school. If you are interested in running for our current opening, please either call me at school or speak to one of our office staff members and they will take your name and number. I would be more than happy to provide additional information about being a member of SSC. Our School Site Council elections will be held in November.

PARENT CLUB

The Parent Club is still looking for parents who want to get involved in our school. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th in room 35.

Those parents, who have been supporting our school by submitting Box Tops, need to have them all turn in by October 15th.

At the October 15th meeting this year's elections will be held for new officers. The Halloween Carnival will also be discussed.

This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend. Please get involved in your school.

PARENT CONFERENCES

The end of the first trimester is November 10th. During the months of October and November teachers will be holding parent conferences with you to discuss your child's progress. I would like to offer a few thoughts in preparation for your conferences.

- Keep an open mind. Remember that both you and the teacher want to help your child succeed. Your goal is to work for cooperation. Even if the teacher says something you disagree with, listen to what he/she has to say.
- Ask to see your child's work. There's no better way to see how your child is progressing.
- Ask the teacher to explain terms that are new to you. Every profession has its own jargon which can be hard to understand.
- Sum up what you think has been said. Make sure both you and the teacher agree on any decisions you have made about your child. If necessary, ask to meet again.
- Establish the best way to contact each other. Email? Phone?...
- After the conference follow up. Stay in touch with the teacher. If you think of a question you didn't ask, contact the teacher. Talk to your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said and talk about suggestions for improvement. Make a plan to carry out these suggestions.