

Reynolds ARTHUR ACADEMY

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL



Sept. 25, 2006

Dear Families,

Standardized Testing

All children will be taking the Stanford Achievement Tests this week and next. These are group-administered, multiple-choice assessments of reading and math skills. Our grant from the Charter Growth Fund requires that all of our students be tested in the fall and spring of each year. Please be sure that your children get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast, as they should every day, so that they are able to show us their best work.

Coming Up

- The RAAPO meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:00 in our cafeteria. Please do try to join us, meet new parents and become involved in the many ways available to volunteer some time and energy for our children. I know that your board members have done extra planning to make this first meeting of the new year a welcoming and enjoyable one for all.
- Orders for Arthur Academy shirts, sweatshirts and fleece are due, with payment, on Wednesday, Sept. 27 (this week). There are sample sizes available in our lobby.
- Jog-a-thon sponsor sheets are due on Friday, Sept. 29 (this week). Also remember to return your child's permission slip so that he/she is able to leave school grounds to participate in the jog-a-thon at the park up the hill on 21st St. We really hope to have all of our children taking part in this fun event and helping to raise funds for RAAPO projects.
- Mad Science after school classes will be offered again this year. A flyer went home last Thursday with all the registration information. These classes are offered as an after school enrichment opportunity and do have a fee. RAAPO will be paying for in-class "field trips" from the Mad Science company later in the year.
- Our first day of no school will be on Friday, Oct. 13. Public schools in the state are closed on that day to allow teachers to participate in on-going professional development activities. Our staff will be engaged in continuing our training with our reading and math curriculum at our school on that day.

New Staff

It is with great pleasure that I can tell you we now have a Physical Education teacher for our students. Ms. Cathy Profitt will be at our school on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Kindergarten will have PE once a week - on Wed. - and the other grades will have it twice a week. Ms. Profitt has lots of plans for activity in the classrooms during rainy weather.

Ms. Genta Guitron has started working in the office for 2 hours each day, from 8:15-10:15. This is a huge help to me when I am teaching class and she is taking over many of the time-consuming data entry and office tasks. She is learning about our school as we go along and is happy to help you with questions while she is there. I hope you get a chance to meet both of these wonderful additions to our staff!

School Supplies

If you have not yet sent in your \$20 for school supplies, please do so as soon as possible. Cash or check made payable to "Reynolds Arthur Academy" may be given to your child's teacher. If you have more than one child in the school, you may combine the amounts into one check.

School Lunch

On the first day of school, students brought home a sheet containing all the lunch information. We are now able to offer hot school lunch every day, but students **MUST** purchase lunch tickets and order their lunch or milk as soon as school starts each day. Let us know if you need another sheet sent home, or you may also get this information from our website.

If your family qualified for free or reduced lunch last year, they will continue to do so for the rest of this month. However, you must submit a new application to the district Nutrition Services, where they will determine your eligibility for this school year. You may get these applications from our office; just let us know to send one home. Please remember that free/reduced prices apply only to the full school lunch. There are no reduced prices for single milks if your child should choose to bring lunch from home.

Volunteers

We could still use a parent volunteer to help with lunch service on Fridays, from 11:30-12:30. Please let me know if you would be able to commit to this on a weekly basis.

Looks like we will have another week of beautiful weather to enjoy! Let's hope it holds out through our jog-a-thon on Oct. 6. Thank you for your cooperation in the parking lot and as always, to Bob Littrell for being our director out there every day.

Sincerely,

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