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From the Desk of Mrs. Edwards:

Welcome! We are pleased to begin a new school year and work with your student(s) and you. We particularly wish to welcome our new students and their families. We want you to feel at home at Galewood! In partnership, we work together to secure all students' futures.

This newsletter accompanies a large packet of information. Each piece is important to you and your child's successful start to the new school year. You are urged to take the time to read all materials carefully and contact us if you have questions.

We hope you and your child enjoyed the Open House & Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 27th. Thank you to the Galewood PTO and President, Kayli Hummel, for sponsoring this event. What a wonderful way to welcome everyone back to school!

Please take as many opportunities as you are able to know what and how your child is learning. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher or me at any time. Your on-going involvement does have a direct impact on your child's success.

I look forward to working with you and your student(s) this year!

ATTENTION PARENTS!

It is a practice of the Charlotte school district to periodically issue information and publish photographs of school programs and activities. Unless you advise the school district that you do not want photographs of your child included with published articles or information releases, school officials may publish such photographs with school-related articles or news releases. If you object to the publication of these photographs, please contact the Human Resources Office at 541-5103 by September 26th .

2008-2009 SCHOOL HOURS

STUDENT HOURS

8:50 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Each day is the same, as the elementary schools will not dismiss early on Wednesdays.

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Visit us at
www.charlottenet.org
(Check out 'Parent Resource')

City of Charlotte
www.charlotte-mi.com

GALEWOOD STAFF - 2008-2009

TEACHING STAFF **Voice Mail #**

Kdg	- Mrs. Maggie Andreau	3243
	- Mrs. Rachael Eye	3262
1 st	- Mrs. Michelle Dinsmore	3255
	- Mrs. Heather Ferrell	3254
2 nd	- Ms. Judy Entenman	3252
	- Mrs. Tamra Weissenborn	3253
3 rd	- Mrs. Rachele Beyerlein	3249
	- Ms. Lucinda McCalla	3250
4 th	- Mrs. Tracy Sylvia	3247
	- Mr. Robert Schneider	3248
Sp Ed	- Mrs. Vicki Lumbert	3251
	- Mrs. Tamilyn Nixon	3241
	- Mrs. Jan Wiltshire	3242
Title I	- Mrs. Carolyn Shoaps	3258
Music	- Mrs. Deanna Milligan	3260
	- Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoyt	3378
	- Mr. Paul Davis	3348
P.E.	- Mr. Paul Davis	3348
Spanish	- Mrs. Mary Ellen Hoyt	3378
Technology	- Mrs. Jamie Monte Whalen	3384
Guidance	- Mr. Garth Lydeksen	3259

Our teaching staff is happy to take your voicemail message and get back to you in a timely manner. For your convenience, teaching staff voicemail extension numbers are listed above.

PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF

Mrs. Melinda Brady
Mrs. Karen Domres
Mrs. Pam Kane
Mrs. Deb Langmaack

Mrs. Lou Anne Luna
Mrs. Pat Rivera
Mrs. Tiffany Roodvoets
Mrs. Karen Stults

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Lab Manager	- Mr. Donovan Latimore
Building Engineer	- Mr. Paul Janecke
Night Custodian	- Mr. Robert Ruthruff
Cafeteria	- Ms. Trese Paisley
Secretary	- Mrs. Julie Forell
Principal	- Mrs. Therese A. Edwards

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Charlotte Public Schools reviews school safety and security on a continual basis. Our schools are safe and we want to make sure they stay safe. Some standard measures for maximum security that are in place include: students are signed out in the office when leaving the building with a parent and visitors and guests are issued passes to wear. Our drop-off and pick-up procedures are adequate. Some changes affect the behind-the-scenes daily operation of the school. These changes, however, do include allowing access to the building through the front doors only. This may minimally affect our families but provides a higher level of safety for the students and staff.

NOTE: ALL VISITORS MUST ENTER BY THE FRONT DOORS AT ALL TIMES – before, during, and after school.

FOOD SERVICE INFORMATION

(School Breakfast & Lunch)



Food Service Costs

Breakfast - \$1.20
Lunch- \$1.90
Milk - \$.40

Hundreds of children are served by our food service personnel each day Galewood.

Following are ways you can be of help:

1. Keep your child's meal account "in the black". To check your child's account balance, stop in or contact Mrs. Langmaack or Mrs. Forell in the office. If you have signed on to access the Family Home Access on the CPS website, you can check your balance there as well.
2. Please contact the office by 9:00 a.m. with your child's lunch order if he/she will be arriving at school later in the morning and we'll make sure a lunch is ordered.

"We would like to remind parents of the convenient payment option available to them for a variety of items at Charlotte Public Schools. Items such as lunches and child care can be paid using a credit card or checking account draft by accessing e-Funds for Schools from our CPS homepage on the web. Please visit www.charlottenet.org to take advantage of the secure and time saving tool."

HOW CAN I BECOME INVOLVED?

Students will do better in school when their parents are involved in school activities. Following are some suggestions to show your child that school is important to you:

1. Attend any or all of the Galewood PTO monthly meetings the first Monday of the month. The PTO sponsors many academic and social activities such as Science Day, Mileage Club, Family Fun Night, The Galewood Carnival, class field trips, assemblies & programs, etc. All are welcome!
2. Take time now to review and complete the Volunteer Sign-Up form enclosed with the packet. This outlines the countless ways in which you can get involved in and out of your child's classroom.
3. Keep your student involved by impressing upon him/her the importance of attending school each and every day and coming to school on time. Whenever possible, please make doctor and dental appointments at times that do not conflict with school attendance. Poor attendance and tardiness have a direct impact on student progress.

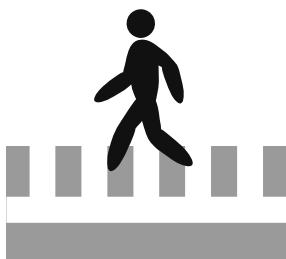
The school office is open daily from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please call to get involved!

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP **PROCEDURES**

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT ALL FAMILIES WORK TOGETHER WITH THE STAFF TO MAKE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL SAFE BY ADHERING TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

➤ AT NO TIME ARE STUDENTS TO BE DROPPED OFF OR PICKED UP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- IN THE CIRCLE DRIVE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. THIS AREA IS DESIGNATED ***FOR BUSES ONLY***. AT NO TIME SHOULD THERE BE A CAR IN THIS DRIVEWAY.



- IN THE STAFF PARKING AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE BUILDING PAST THE YELLOW CROSSWALK. THIS CROSSWALK IS A ***SAFETY ZONE*** FOR STUDENTS CROSSING THE DRIVEWAY.

- PLEASE REVIEW THE PLAN ON THE BACK FOR THE PROPER DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP SITE.
- PICK-UP OPTION: STAFF SUPERVISES DAILY AT THE RAILROAD TRACKS NEAR JOHNSON ST. FOR QUICKER PICK UP AT THE END OF THE END OF DAY-ARRANGE TO MEET YOUR CHILD THERE!
- IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE EXTREME CONGESTION IN THE HALLWAYS AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST ADULTS TO MEET THEIR CHILD(REN) OUTDOORS AT A PREDETERMINED, SAFE LOCATION. THANK YOU.
- OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL PARENTS WHO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES DAILY AND TO THOSE WHO ARE WILLING VOLUNTEERS AT THE CROSSWALK. *IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, EVEN ONE DAY A MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO BE PLACED ON THE SCHEDULE.*

GALEWOOD'S DAILY SCHEDULE

- 8:25 - Supervision Available
- 8:25 – 8:50 - Breakfast Served
- 8:50 - School Day Begins
- 3:45 - Dismissal



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2 - First Day of School
- September 8 - First PTO Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
In the Media Center
- September 11 - Picture Day
- September 9-23 - PTO-Sponsored Fundraiser