

August 1, 2011

Dear Families,

As the summer months draw to a close, I have been busy adjusting to my new role as principal. I look forward to the opportunity to meet your child at the kindergarten orientation on Wednesday, August 31st. As you anticipate your child's entrance into kindergarten it is likely you will experience a myriad of emotions, including excitement, anxiety, and nostalgia. As we begin this journey together, please know that the professional staff at Haldane is committed to ensuring that every child receives an exemplary education in a nurturing and supportive environment. Simply, we all work together to ensure every child's academic and social-emotional needs are met.

With that said, I would like to have an opportunity to introduce myself and Mrs. Julia Sniffen, our Assistant Principal, at the kindergarten orientation. Parents and children will be directed to the library where Mrs. Sniffen and I will greet the children and share a story. Students will then be introduced to their classroom teacher and taken to their respective classrooms. The orientation will conclude with a bus ride and an ice cream celebration in the playground court yard. A formal schedule with times is listed below. Finally, please note that this day is organized for the benefit of the incoming kindergarteners. Siblings are not invited into the classrooms or on the bus ride. An ice cream celebration will be held on the playground following the morning's event.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you on the 31st.

Best Regards,

Brent B. Harrington

Principal
Haldane Elementary/Middle School

Group 1

9:45-10:00—Introduction and read aloud with Mr. Harrington and Mrs. Sniffen

10:00-10:30—Students visit their classroom

10:30-10:45—Bus run

Group 2

10:45-11:00—Introduction and read aloud with Mr. Harrington and Mrs. Sniffen

11:00-11:30—Students visit their classroom

11:30-11:45—Bus run

11:45-12:15—Ice cream welcome in playground

