



From the Office of the Principal...

Good News from Dr. Bennett August 16, 2011

Thanks to everyone who came to our parent orientation nights this week. It was so nice to see everyone again and to hear all the positive comments for the coming school year. The school looks shiny bright and the new concrete and awning in the back entrance is truly awesome. Thanks to the Parents Club and the teachers, along with the maintenance crew and helpers, for getting all parts of the building and grounds ready for another school year.

The classrooms are decorated with many exciting themes and we are pleased to offer a couple of new activities. We now have a new computer lab (upstairs across from grade 3) which will be our writing lab. Thanks to a technology grant, we have also purchased a mobile computer lab with laptops for the upper grades to use with Mrs. Casson. Due to the clever bargaining/ purchasing power of Mrs. Van Loo, we have truly stretched the technology funds we received this year for the new lab, mobile cart as well as new flat screens for the classrooms and some serious memory upgrades for all our computers.

Just a quick reminder that students are allowed to wear red polo shirts this year and will also not be limited with only certain colors of tennis shoes this year. We only want for the selection of shoes not to cause any distractions in class. Also, remember that socks must be worn at all times and that they must "cover the ankle bone" - must be visible.

We are happy to welcome back our teachers from last year and are pleased to have three new folks coming on board. Colleen Keefe will be our new PreK teacher aide. Mr. Rick Lewis will be teaching PE every Wednesday and Friday, since he teaches PE at QP on Tues./Thurs. (different from last year). We are especially excited to have Mrs. Caroline Fleming return to teach art to all our students this year. She will be a paid teacher this year (thanks again to the Parents Club) and will have art on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our enrollment is about the same as last year and we are pleased to welcome 20 new families and 29 new students, mostly in ELC, PreK and Kdg. It is very nice to have three new students come to us in 5th grade, while one other 5th grader is returning after a year away.

Thanks in advance for all you will do individually and as a group to support and strengthen our school. We take your trust in us as you allow us to nurture your greatest treasures quite seriously. We love your children and promise that we will all work to make success possible for all children here at CGS.

Dr. Bennett