

Windsor Central School District

Alice Freeman Palmer Elementary School

Jamie Bernard, Principal

213 Main Street

Windsor, New York 13865

(607) 655-8225 - Phone

(607) 655-8309 – Fax

www.windsor-csd.org



January 20, 2010

Greetings to all our Palmer families,

I trust this newsletter finds everyone in a bit more of a relaxed state now that the hustle and bustle of December is behind us. And so we move together into 2010- a new year full of promise and resolve. To that end, I have a few items to share with you as we forge ahead on our journey from good- to great- to extraordinary!

My first item falls under the important heading of student safety. We have made a slight change to our parent pick-up procedure. As always, if you need to pick up your child during the school day you will continue to enter the building at the Middle School entrance and sign-in at that location. The only difference is that the Middle School office staff will then call down to the Palmer office who will have your child sent directly to the Middle School lobby to meet you at that location. We have staff members to accompany our younger students down the hall and will use student buddies to travel with our older students as needed. This procedure will be in place from 9:10 to 3:15. At 3:15, the Palmer doors will be unlocked as usual for dismissal and we will have a greeter at the entrance to oversee our end-of-the-day student pick-ups. Thank you for your cooperation as we move forward with this plan. Ensuring the safety of our students remains one of the top priorities here at Windsor.

My next news item to share is our newly implemented “I’ve Been Caught” program. Born out of the great minds on our building-wide Character Education committee, this program is an opportunity to “catch” students when they demonstrate character that is above and beyond that which we routinely expect our Noble Knights to display each and every day. The recognition comes in the form of a yellow bracelet with the phrase “I’ve Been caught” embossed on it. Once a student receives a bracelet, he or she is then encouraged to share his or her story as a way to encourage and influence positive behaviors in others. I’m starting to see a good number of student wrists adorned with this badge of honor so when your child comes home wearing one please know that it is for a job well done and be sure to ask about his or her story!

Until next month,

Jamie Bernard

The mission of A.F. Palmer Elementary School is to provide a child-centered environment where every individual feels safe, nurtured and valued and the students, staff, families and community work together to inspire each learner to reach his or her full potential.