

Notes From Site Council, February 12, 2009

Welcome from Mr. Bell. Discussed the plans for redoing the plumbing and the floors this summer at North End. Summer school will be held at John A. Johnson.

We will get new tiles on our floors. It will make the building look better. North End is continuing to make new partnerships and make changes.

Mr. Bell has a meeting with a representative from Rebuild Together. Possible new partnership.

School district is \$25 million in the hole.

Cutbacks are unknown at this time.

Money for maintenance is already set aside in the general fund.

Some North End staff will visit School of Excellence in New York on March 24.

Rachel Netland, student teacher in Ms. E's room will graduate in the spring.

Anne Gomez: Family center has information for families
Fe. 17 kids will be in Sinfonia. One hour concert starts at 11:00,

April 22 is our Earth Day celebration. There will be Math and Science activities. Also Latin dancing.\

Academic awards next Friday at 2:00. We will recognize academic achievement as well as good will, character, and good citizenship. Good students, but also good human beings! We would like parents to come.

Leonardos Basement come to our Science Lab every Friday to work with the students. They will be here for Earth Day.

Lanita Bennett: Sisters of Notre Dame are open in the East Side Learning Center. Students are being tutored on a one to one basis. Tutoring takes place four times per week for 45 minutes for students in grades K-4. They have volunteers from businesses and collages. There is room for 33 to 35 students.

They also tutor four evening per week. If your child needs help, call school..

Site Council visited the Learning center.

We have services from Primary Project which helps students with social issues,

Parent, Mrs. Vue: Boys academy is getting better. Boys are coming home with homework. Less fighting between boys.

Mr. Bell: If I tell you I will do something, I will do it. Maybe not as quick as you would like, but as quick as possible.

Parent: Couldn't find student's homework online.

Bell: I will talk to the teachers.

Staff suggestion: Parent Portal presentation to interested parents?

Bell: Best way to communicate on-line with teacher is through e-mail address.

Grades 2-6 have planners. Parents can write notes to teachers.

New Parent: I find North End so much better than my children's last school. My kids are excited to come. They fit right in. I appreciate this school.

Parents would like homework to come back right away so they can have feedback to know how it went. Bell will look in to this.

Bell: Are you pleased with what you see as far as our community partners go?
We want a quality education for all of our students.

UPS will send 15 managers to help with math and reading in a giving back program.

By 2011 all of North End K-6 will be in uniform.

Uniforms need to be better enforced. Create contract w/ parents? Volunteer for free uniforms?

View from Community member: Image of North End has improved 100% from a few years ago. You can tell the students have pride in their school.

A parent remarked "This is an exciting meeting. I like it!"