

Elk Run Elementary School

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Dear Community Members,

The staff at Elk Run Elementary would like to thank you for an amazing second year. Thank you for your many hours of volunteering in our classrooms, thank you for your open communication, thank you for our amazing P.T.A. and the countless hours given for the success of our students and a big thank you for raising such wonderful children. It is a privilege to work with such amazing students on a daily basis! As we end the school year, I would like you to consider the following:

School improvement is the responsibility of everyone. School Community Councils are one way we can work together to make schools more successful. The School Community Council works to promote school improvement. School Community Council members work to improve the school environment and safety and provide critical feedback on programmatic issues. We encourage you to become a member of our School Community Council. It's easy to get involved. School Community Council members serve for a term of two years and must have a child attending our school. The time commitment is around an hour a month. Our school will be holding elections on September 23-25, 2013. Please submit a Declaration of Candidacy to the school office no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 4, 2013.

Also, please continue to have our students read at least 20 minutes on a daily basis over the break. Tips found on Pbs.org include:

- Be a reader and writer yourself. You can demonstrate for your child that reading and writing is both fun and useful.
- Set aside a consistent time each day for reading. Whatever time you choose, stick to it.
- Connect reading choices to summer activities. Have your child read or be read to books relating to your summer activities such as camping, playing a baseball game or visiting the beach.
- Allow your child to choose books for summer reading. Take your child to the public library and check out books according to their interests...such as insects, sports, dinosaurs etc...
- Encourage your child to write this summer too. Children love to write and send postcards or they may keep a journal.

We hope you have a fantastic summer break. Just a reminder that class lists will be on the front doors beginning August 12, 2013. We will also hold a Morning Back to School activity on August 21, 2013. More information will follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon B. Adams".