

Dear Parents,

Next Friday, October 5th is a half day of school. There will be no lunch served. Please send your child to school with a snack.

As part of our District Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an **early dismissal drill** on Friday. This means we will gather the children in one location (the gymnasium) and dismiss them ten minutes early (i.e.: ten minutes before noon).

*****Kindergarten AND first grade students will be dismissed together at 11:50 a.m.*****

Pick-ups: If your child must be a pick-up on Friday 10/5, please send a note to school on the yellow change of transportation form that morning. Please park your car and meet your child in the cafeteria **between 11:40 and 11:50**.

Van Riders: No van stop changes are permitted on half days.

We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.

Yesterday was our first Spirit Day! We gathered the children together for a celebration of our first month of school. Mrs. DeRop's class read friendship poems, performed skits about inviting others to play, and led us in singing patriotic songs. We also watched a short video of some of our own students showing how to use our Buddy Bench.

A few important pieces of information:

- 1) Officer Fiorillo, our school resource officer from the Suffolk County Police Department, will be visiting our school next week. Officer Fiorillo will visit classrooms and tour the school. As I mentioned last week, he will visit our school frequently and will participate in some of our emergency drills over the course of the year.
- 2) If you will be keeping your child home from school, please call us in the morning to report the absence. Call **631-367-5950** and press **1** to reach the attendance voicemail line. If you need to speak directly to the school nurse or would like to leave her a message, press **2**. You still must send a note to school explaining the absence upon your child's return to school.
- 3) Please **label** all jackets. Our Lost & Found is already beginning to grow!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein