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A new school year is such an exciting time as we are faced with new opportunities for relationships, new learning experiences, and new challenges. It's a time for growth- not just of the students, but the staff continues to grow as professionals. As students make new friends, learn new skills, and make more mature decisions, we will see them "go places" beyond our wildest imaginations. As your child/ren transition from your home to ours at Radix, please rest assured that he/she will be nurtured, challenged, cared for, and yes, loved. Proudly, that is what makes Radix a family.

I know families care about their children and want to be good educational partners with us at Radix. But knowing how to help your child succeed can be a challenge. Classrooms look different today than they did "back then." There are many new teaching tools, techniques, and new technology that may not have been present in the classrooms of the adults raising kids today. Academic expectations are certainly higher and the way we taught students in the past simply doesn't prepare them for their bright futures. We know you love your children. We love them, too. We ask and implore you to trust us, support us, and work with us to maximize your child's chances for success. We need your support to educate each and every child to the best of our collective ability!

By keeping in communication with teachers, reading EVERYTHING that your child brings home, encouraging the completion of assignments, volunteering in the school, and by attending as many school events and parent meetings as you can, you can be in the BEST position to support your child and the school.

After all, research confirms that when parents are involved in their children's education, children earn higher grades and receive higher scores on tests. They attend school more regularly, complete more homework and demonstrate more positive attitudes and behaviors. They also are more apt to graduate from high school, and enroll in higher education than those students with less-involved families. **BE AN INVOLVED PARENT/GUARDIAN!** All are encouraged to join our PTA. Just membership in the PTA helps support the school community-it's the best \$5 you will ever spend!

Our calendar of events can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook. Please keep it handy, and join us for all school events. A significant date to plan for is Wednesday, **September 26<sup>th</sup>**- our **annual Back to School Night**. Specific information is forthcoming.

Because we are limiting paper use, **this is the only copy** of the newsletter that will be sent home. Monthly, it will be posted on the website- please visit the website regularly.

It is critical that parents/guardians regularly review student work, along with student agendas, and teacher correspondence to keep abreast of student status. Grades are standards-based and reflect academic skills and performance levels relative to grade-level learning expectations.

Again this year, we will be offering breakfast for students who want it. For those that do, it is available in the cafeteria upon arrival.

A brief reminder that being in school every day and being on time every day promotes academic success. If a child is sick, a doctor's note should be provided so we can document that absence as a non-truant absence. Remember...a child is either present or not (so even a documented/excused absence is still reported as an A (absence) and accrues. After 17 days absent, a student is reported as "chronically absent."

I've been going to school for 50 years, and I still get excited for the first day of school! I am happy to report, it went well. I was thrilled to see many smiling faces, and give/get hugs and high-5's-- that made my day. School has always been a positive and exciting place for me- I want it to be the same for every child who crosses the threshold of Radix Elementary. Please be sure to contact me if you have questions, concerns, or exciting ideas to share- all are welcome!

Parents are encouraged to stay connected to news and events at Radix by joining my "Radix Community" REMIND. To do so, either email: [radix17@mail.remind.com](mailto:radix17@mail.remind.com) or text: **81010** with the message: **@radix17**. I will also be hosting parent meetings throughout the year on Saturday mornings. These PACE (**PA**rents **C**aring about **E**ducation) provide an opportunity for parents to come together and discuss ideas for making the Radix School Community an even better place. All are welcome to come and share ideas. The first PACE meeting will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Radix Media Center.

I look forward to meeting students and working with families throughout the year. It's sure to be another great year at Radix Elementary!

Dr. DelConte  
Principal

***A Note From the Nurse:***

As we get into the swing of a new school year, remember that students need plenty of rest each night, coupled with a good breakfast each morning so they are energized for school each day. Did you know that students who skip breakfast have shorter attention spans and don't perform as well on tests? And, be sure to encourage good nutritional habits like, low-sugar snacks and drinks, fruits and veggies, and protein. And since students sit much of the day now, make sure you provide a time for them to get some exercise and participate in extra-curricular activities. All of this promotes healthy living!