

November 2009

Dear Parents,

Here is information that I hope will keep you informed.

1. **PTA Reflections Contest-** We are all excited about this opportunity for the children to submit one piece of art work using the theme “Beauty is...”. A child can submit an original piece of art in any of several areas: literature, music, photography, visual arts, dance, and film/video. Information is available in the school lobby or by calling Chris at 226-1115. Final contest submissions are due by Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Outdoor Clothes-** The colder weather of fall and winter is now here. We plan for children to be outside for recess as often as possible. The weather and wind can change quickly. Please dress your child so that he/she will be warm when playing outside.
3. **Family Information-** Whenever there is a change of telephone or address information, send this update information to Mrs. DeLeon in the office as well as to your child’s teacher.
4. **Arlington School District Superintendent Pepe’s retirement-** Mr. Pepe has announced that he will be retiring in the summer of 2010 after 8 years with the district. Arlington residents have been invited to give input to the consulting company assisting the School Board with the search for the new superintendent. A copy of the questionnaire to complete is available in the Main Office here at school or on the district website. Questionnaires are due no later than November, 6, 2009.
5. **Student Council-** It has become a pre-Thanksgiving tradition for our Student Council to help our school participate in the Stuff the Bus food donation campaign in the Hudson Valley. 93.3 FM and other stations broadcast information about how this helps restock area food pantries. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items from 11/18-11/20. Student Council is also collecting Yoplait Yogurt lids (pink in color). Each lid generates a 10 cent donation to American Cancer Society.