



# Fabulous Falcon Flyer

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Dear Sixth Avenue Families,

Can you believe that we only have a little over seven weeks left in the 2011 - 2012 school year? All of our students have worked so hard this year. As students progress from kindergarten to 5th grade, the parents, family, teachers, and other community members who are a part of student lives play a huge role in their achievement. In particular, I want to recognize the effort our 3rd-5th graders made on the TCAP tests this year! Our Assistant Principal, Josh Jones, did an excellent job planning and accommodating for the needs of our students during the last several weeks. Thanks goes out to all of you for another successful testing period!

This is an exciting time of year. Just like your families are making changes and preparing for what's to come, so are we. We are well underway with planning for Sixth Avenue's 2012-2013 school year.

The staff and I have begun work on a staffing plan for the coming year. That includes the number of kids in classes, the number of teachers at each grade level and the amount of support staff we are going to have in the building. Support staff encompasses everything from music and reading support to playground supervision. We have created a couple different scenarios and will move forward as needed once the finances have been settled. As always we will carry the community value of low class sizes forward and we will honor those expectations whenever possible. I will be updating the community about our plans for next year at the Sixth Ave. Advisory and Accountability meeting on April 3rd.

We will also begin planning that places students into their homeroom classrooms for next year. Each year, our teachers spend many hours and great care assigning students to their classes for the following school year. Teachers know each of our students well in terms of learning styles, relationships with peers, academic strengths and areas for growth, etc. Our intention is to create groups of children who reflect variety as well as cohesiveness. Student placement is based upon many considerations. Some of the influential factors in this process include the following:

- \*Balance of male and female students
- \*A heterogeneous range of academic skills in each room
- \*Consideration of learning disabled, gifted, and English Language Acquisition stages, students with special needs
- \*Consideration of social conflicts
- \*Balance of students' work and study skills

Due to the complexity of the class placement process, **we are not able to honor specific requests for a classroom teacher.** Instead, parents may offer information regarding their child's social, emotional, or academic needs in writing to the principal no later than Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We truly value the partnership we hold with you!  
Together in Education,  
Grace Choi

### Thanks to all parent volunteers for making a big difference on Sixth Avenue!

Sixth Avenue recognizes the importance that parents have in the success of all students. Many of you participated in family events, educational workshops, parent coffees, accompanied their son / daughter to field trips, attended Parent/Teacher conferences, and supported the homework tasks of your children. Thank you for your continued support!

We also want to specifically thank those parents who donated many hours in the program of the Neighborhood Kitchen backpacks, PTO committee, SAAC committee, Crossing guard, and those who assisted in the cafeteria.

### Calendar of Events

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| <b>Apr. 26</b> | Aurora Scholars- By Invite Only<br>Hinkley HS      6:30-8:30 |
| <b>May 1</b>   | School Accountability Meeting    9:00am                      |
| <b>May 16</b>  | Last day of Preschool  |
| <b>May 18</b>  | Kindergarten Field Day            1:00pm                     |
| <b>May 21</b>  | <b>No SCHOOL</b>   |
| <b>May 23</b>  | <b>Last Day of School</b>                                    |
| <b>May 29</b>  | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Block/Kinder Readiness Starts</b>          |