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"WHERE KIDS ARE THE CENTER OF OUR ATTENTION!"

Dear Center School Families,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for your support and cooperation in making the first month of school successful for our students. As we approach the month of October and the crisp, cool air associated with the Fall season, I wanted to let you know that our students have embraced the new school year with excitement. Over the last month, I have had many opportunities to collaborate with our students and staff. It has been exciting and rewarding to see how our children are embracing their learning environment and each other. At Center School we want our students to come to school every day, ready to take on healthy challenges; to push themselves to think harder and stronger; and to take care of each other. For our students, I characterize these goals/actions as doing the *work* of a student. Our students have embraced the challenges and goals they have set for themselves this year and have taken on the ownership of their learning. They have started the *work* of being the life-long learner we want them to be.

I want to thank you for your support, patience, and cooperation in making our arrival and dismissal procedures safe for our students. I appreciate your cooperation in utilizing the monitored crosswalk closest to Route 202 during these times. It has been brought to my attention that some of our students have been climbing trees, climbing the big rock, or running ahead of parents in the parking lots. To ensure safety of all our students, I ask you to please deter students from these actions. I ask for your support and cooperation with this matter. As always, I welcome your feedback and collaboration in making our community and school safe for students, safe for families, and safe for staff.

During the first week of October, you will receive a packet of information explaining the purpose of Center School's Keys to Good Character Program. The Keys to Good Character Program is not new to Center School or to our students. The purpose of this program is to coach children and to promote the Keys of Good Character (trustworthiness, empathy, responsibility, respect, and fairness) within our school and community. One new and very exciting revision to the program is a home-school connection. Your child will be coming home with the information and it is also posted in the Virtual Backpack.

Finally, thank you again for all your support in making our school community great for our students. I strongly believe when we engage in purposeful collaboration, while keeping students at the center of our collaboration, we will continue to move forward in a positive and productive direction that will best support all our students.

Warmest Regards,

Abe Ammary, Principal