October 2, 2013

Dear Parents,

Greeting the busses in the morning is one of the best parts of my day as principal of Dwight. On cool October mornings, students pop off their busses and out of their cars with smiles on their faces ready to learn. What a joy to watch our children walking into school hand in hand, hopeful and excited for their day to unfold. As I follow them into the building, I see them “high-fiving” Mr. Gelsi and making their way to our morning message.

Thoughtful responses, to the daily morning message, are colorfully written on our chart for all to see. This morning, I asked students to define *peace*. In a world that is often less than peaceful, our children focused on the simple things in life that can bring us peace if we, adults, take the time to enjoy them. According to our Dwight Dragons, peace is: reading a good book, taking a long nap, doing math, painting, bundling up on a warm beach or sitting in bed reading- just to name a few. When was the last time you took a long nap, read a good book or painted a beautiful picture? The joy of being an educator lies in what we learn from our students. Their clear vision, truthfulness and innocence help us remember to notice the little things and to relish each day along our life’s journey.

As the leaves turn and the days grow cooler, take time to notice the small peaceful gifts that are given to us each day. Please also carve out time in your busy schedules to join us here at Dwight this month for some very special events!

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| Date | Time | Event |
| Wednesday, October 9  | 9:15 a.m. | Math Workshop |
| Thursday, October 17 | 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Fall Conferences |
| Wednesday, October 23  | 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. | Fall Conferences |
| Wednesday, October 23  | 12:15 p.m. | Walk-A-Thon |
| Thursday, October 24 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  | Fall Conferences |
| Thursday, October 31  | 2:15 p.m. | Halloween |

We look forward to seeing everyone during fall conferences on October 17, 23 and 24. Additionally, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Varga will be in the library, during conferences, if you need assistance with your Infinite Campus account.

Respectfully,



Mimi Maniscalco

Principal