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Young Public School
August/September News Letter

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We have had a great start to the school year. It is exciting to have all the kids back and we look forward to the school year

The Board has been working with the community on revising the district Mission and Vision over the past six months. These were approved at the last board meeting and I wanted to share them with you. Thank you to all who helped in this process and we will keep the focus on these as we make decisions and work with students.

Mission

Young Public School provides a safe, supportive and engaging learning environment where all are challenged to reach their full potential.

Vision

To cultivate a school culture where students thrive, teachers and staff are encouraged and empowered, families are valued partners, and our community works together to prepare every student for a successful future

Reminder to parents, students should not arrive on school grounds prior to 7:15. This is when breakfast is served and supervision is provided.

We are continuing with MAP testing this year. This is a Measure of Academic Progress for students K-12. It provides information about student achievement and academic growth in subjects like math, reading, and language usage. It measures what students know and how they are growing academically, allowing educators to track progress over time and compare student performance throughout the year and see how they perform compared to peer groups. MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to measure student performance, and this score can be used to identify areas where a student is excelling or needs additional support. For more information about these assessments, contact your child's teacher

DIBELS beginning of the year reading assessment scores will be sent home with the beginning of the year MAP results. This should give you an idea of how your child is performing at the start of the year. These assessments are given mid year and at the end of the year as well. This testing is just one way we measure student growth. Daily student work and teacher observation are also used to determine grades for report cards. If you have any questions, please talk with your child's teacher.

The YPS PTO does a lot for the school and community. A couple of the bigger events are the **Monthly Skate Nights** and the **Halloween Carnival**. The PTO is in need of officer positions and is looking for

people to fill these spots. If we are to continue these events for the community, the PTO needs help. Please contact Danette Key at yaya_key@yahoo.com

The September Skate Night is on the 17th. We will have one staff member scheduled at each event for supervision. We would also like one community member to help volunteer at each event as well to help with skate distribution and collection. Please talk with the staff member on duty or Dr. K and we will let you know how else you can help at the event.

We ask all parents/guardians to fill out an Alternative Form for Income-Based Eligibility each year (the yellow attached form. This typically is used to determine the free and reduced lunch program. Currently we have other Federal funding that pays for free lunches for all students. However, these forms are also used to determine other Federal Funding Title 1, 2 and 4. These funds total about $50,000 per year. They also help determine other Federal funding from forest service fees the schools receive and this is about $80,000 per year for us. Unfortunately, we have been receiving less funds as we have not had as many forms filled out. Please fill these out and return to the school, as it helps the school with federal funds.

The next School Board Meeting is September 14 at 5:30. This is a later start time due to some training the board members need.

September 7 there is no school in observance of Labor Day.

Have a Great Month,

Dr. K