



June 16, 2009

Dear Summer Academy Student(s) and Parent(s),

Summer Academy has begun! There is a lot of excitement, energy and enthusiasm flowing through the building. The image of all the Summer Academy students arriving this morning was wonderful as we have been preparing for this day with much anticipation for a great year.

All Summer Academy staff are wearing bright orange vests so that you can easily identify us. Summer Academy staff are working diligently outside to help keep traffic moving efficiently and safely. We are working with you to make this happen. A top priority for the Summer Academy is that our students, staff and families are safe at the Academy. If you are visiting, please check into the office before going to the classroom. It will be necessary to be wearing a visitor tag.

The Summer Academy experience moves very quickly, and each day at the Academy is like a week at regular school. The learning is intense for the students, the teacher assistants and the teachers. Please be sure your child gets extra rest during the Academy days so he or she can keep up with the demands of an SA day!

The Summer Academy schedule provides time for a snack break during the day. The "Pay to the Order Of" class will have a concession stand open at Highland Elementary and the High School. Proceeds of these two concession stands go to a Summer Academy financial assistance fund.

The Summer Academy Open House event is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Open House evening will include a Summer Academy Picnic Dinner which will open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be pre-sold for this event. (A hot dog order form is attached and also available at www.northsuburbansummeracademy.com.) The "Pay to the Order Of" class will also open the concession stands that evening.

We had a huge turnout for the hot dog dinner last year, and it took some time to get all the hot dog dinners served. We have worked on a plan to streamline getting our dinners out to our families this year so that the wait will not be as long.

Enclosed in the attached envelope is a **2009** Summer Academy magnet to post on your refrigerator. We hope you find it helpful in keeping track of important dates and phone numbers during the Academy.

Best Regards,

Mary Carlson Pap
North Suburban Summer Academy Director