



September 25, 2009

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

At the August monthly meeting, the Board of Education approved moving up the timetable for changing over to 6-7-8 middle schools. This means that we will be moving both sixth and fifth grades to Frontier Trail next year! What does this mean to students here at Green Springs? First, we will continue to have the same traditions and transition activities that we have always had for our sixth graders and those activities will remain separate from the traditions and activities that our fifth grade parents and students will work on this year.

### **What are our sixth grade traditions?**

- Sitting on the steps during assemblies –this will be shared with 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In order to get all the kids on the steps we will be asking parents who attend assemblies to sit in chairs
- Timber Ridge Field Trip for teambuilding
- Student council officers
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade swim to celebrate the end of testing – April 28<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 PM
- Sixth grade visit to Frontier Trail with tour of the building (May 5<sup>th</sup>). This year it will be modified to include a transition activity that was developed by FT and the four elementary schools that feed into it. The transition activity will combine the visit to FT for a tour of the building along with an Olympic Festival that will include fifth and sixth grade students from Black Bob, Tomahawk, Briarwood, and Green Springs. We will have pen pals with our sister school (Black Bob) during the second semester. We will meet our pen pals at the Olympic Festival (more information in the spring).
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball game against the staff – May 19<sup>th</sup> in AM (if rain date for Field Day is needed, it will be on May 14<sup>th</sup>).
- 6<sup>th</sup> graders help run field events for Field Day
- Night time celebration – May 20 @ 6:00 PM (parent committee works on food and decorations). The parent planning meeting has traditionally been in March.
- Picnic breakfast at the park – May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Walk the halls! May 21<sup>st</sup> at the end of the morning.

This year will be a busy one at Green Springs! In addition to sixth grade traditions, we will be establishing some new traditions for fifth grade! Be sure to continue to check out the 6/9

button "Moving Up" on the Olathe District website [www.olatheschools.com](http://www.olatheschools.com) for information throughout the year. Moving Up also includes the subjects that students in 6-7-8 can enroll in, as well as an entire booklet on the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Program. If you are unable to print off a copy please call the school office (780-7450) and we will make you a copy. Enrollment for Frontier Trail will occur January 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a parent meeting at FT on January 7<sup>th</sup> for parents at 6:30 PM. I will continue to update you on events along the way!

If you have any questions or concerns please e-mail or call me.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. Traughber, Principal