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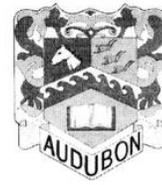
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September 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back to school! We've been working hard all summer preparing for you to return. We have missed you! A new school year holds much promise and the teachers and staff at Mansion Avenue School look forward to working with you.

There are a number of exciting things planned for this year:

- We will continue our ROAR program this year! Students will hear more about our school expectations in the coming days and there will be some great opportunities to celebrate as students achieve them.
- The air conditioning in the All Purpose Room is up and running. That was a huge project and we are grateful for the support and commitment of our Board of Education to ensure this was completed.
- Our playground, although behind schedule, will be a wonderful space to play when finished. There were some setbacks initially in the demolition process when we uncovered some unexpected issues. Still, this project continues to move forward and once the demolition issues are corrected, we expect the installation to go quickly. As soon as we have a concrete timeline for completion, look for our announcement of a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate!
- We will kick off our year with a "One School, One Book" initiative as we read together *The One and Only Ivan*, by K. A. Applegate. Be on the lookout for different activities related to the themes in this novel.

Today is the first TAKE-HOME day of the 2017 – 2018 school year. In your packet of information, you will find:

Nurse's Information Card (cream card) Please complete the cream card for our nurse's office. **If there has been any significant changes (such as: address, phone number, or change of employment, etc.) place an X in the upper right hand corner of the card.** These cards should be returned by Thursday, September 7.

Free/Reduced Lunch Forms to be returned to school by Friday, September 8. **Please return the completed form only if you are applying.**

Computer Use Form – please complete and return to classroom teacher by Friday, September 8.

HIB Contract – please complete and return to classroom teacher by Friday, September 8.

Walking Field Trip Permission Form – please complete and return to classroom teacher by Friday, September 8.

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PTA Spirit Wear Order Form – Orders due September 20th

Absentee Phone Call Program Information Letter

MAS Safety Patrol Guide

Audubon Fire Company Aluminum Can Letter

Note from the Nurse

Parent Genesis Letter

Kids Stuff Coupon Book – PTA Fundraiser – If you are interested in purchasing the book or books, please return the payment envelope by September 20th. If you are not interested in purchasing it, please return the Coupon Book by September 20th.

Some other information...

The annual “Back to School Night” this year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 26.

The entire Mansion Avenue School “family” is looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

Bonnie J. Smeltzer
Principal