



0 September, 2011

Dear Room 6 Parents & Guardians:

It is a privilege to be one of your student's teachers and advocates and I'm looking forward to our year together. Our first weeks in homeroom have been exciting and busy! My new schedule this year is:

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| <i>1st hour</i> | <i>7:30-8:50</i> | <i>Homeroom & Algebra (room 6)</i> |
| <i>2nd hour</i> | <i>8:55-9:50</i> | <i>Dance in Society (my new Uppers Specialist course—meets in commons)</i> |
| <i>3rd hour</i> | <i>9:55-10:45</i> | <i>Algebra (room 6)</i> |
| <i>4th hour</i> | <i>10:50-11:40</i> | <i>Geometry (room 6)</i> |
| <i>Lunch/Recess</i> | <i>11:45-12:10</i> | |
| <i>5th hour</i> | <i>12:15-1:05</i> | <i>My new preparation time</i> |
| <i>6th hour</i> | <i>1:10-2:00</i> | <i>Dance as Art & Culture (commons)</i> |

We will continue to help students learn to organize their time using planners. Please ask to see these *at least* weekly on Thursdays; I will check your student's planner for your signature every Friday morning!

The uppers staff met to study parent feedback about goal-setting conferences; we are trying to make them even more valuable for students, parents, and teachers. Instead of meeting right away as I have done in the past, we were waiting to start conferences until we have more time to get to know students, see student work, and receive feedback on last year's MCAs in reading and math. We normally receive test data in August. Due to the state shutdown, this data is overdue and we are just seeing results trickling in now. On the back is a list of times and dates for goal-setting conferences. Please indicate a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice, but circle several other times that would work as well; I will do my best to accommodate your first choices and will call or e-mail to confirm the time. Ideally, *all* parents/guardians will attend with students (if possible) for a 30-40 minute conference. I love to meet at 7:00 a.m. (before school), and can also meet during lunch/5th hour (any 30-40 minute chunk between 11:45 & 1:00 if that is easier for you. I enjoy meeting at your home if that solves daycare or transportation problems, and a coffee shop is a great place to meet, especially on a Saturday morning between 9:15 and 11:15 in the Uptown area! Please note if you would like to use Barton's free taxi service and I can set that up. If none of these times work, please indicate other times that would be more suitable to your schedule and I will make *every* effort to meet your scheduling needs.

It's been a great first three weeks and I am thoroughly enjoying learning math and swing dancing with my awesome homeroom. I'm looking forward to spending more time learning with this hard-working group of students,

Goal Setting Conference for: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

e-mail address (or phone #) to confirm time: _____

Please circle *all* times that you are available and label your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices below:

***BEST: Any day at 7:00 AM: List preferred days/dates:** _____

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| Wed. 9/21 | Thurs. 9/22 | Fri 9/23 | *Mid-day (any school day) (any 30-40 minutes between 11:45-1:00) |
| 3:00 | 2:00 | 2:40 | |
| 3:30 | 2:40 | 3:20 | |
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| Mon. 9/26 | Tues. 9/27 | Wed. 9/28 | Thurs. 9/29 | Fri. 9/30 | *Saturday Mornings (any 30-40 min. between 9:15 & 11:30) |
| LABOR | 3:30 | 3:00 | 2:00 | 2:00 | |
| DAY | 4:00 | 3:30 | 2:40 | 2:40 | |
| | 4:30 | 4:00 | | 3:20 | Date: _____ Time: _____ |
| | 5:00 | 4:30 | | 4:00 | Date: _____ Time: _____ |
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| Mon. 10/3 | Tues. 10/4 | Wed. 10/5 | Thurs. 10/6 | Fri. 10/7 | location: _____ |
| 3:15 | 3:30 | 3:00 | 2:00 4:30 | 2:00 | |
| | 4:10 | 3:30 | 2:30 5:00 | 2:40 | |
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| Mon. 10/10 | Tues. 10/11 | Wed. 10/12 | Thurs. 10/13 | Fri. 10/14 |
| 3:15 | 3:30 | 3:00 4:30 | 2:00 4:30 | 2:00 4:00 |
| 3:45 | 4:00 | 3:30 5:00 | 2:30 5:00 | 2:40 4:40 |
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| Mon. 10/17 | Tues. 10/18 | Wed. 10/19 | Conference Day morning |
| 3:15 | 3:30 4:30 | 7:30am 8:50 | 10:00 11:00 |
| 3:45 | 4:00 | 8:10 9:30 | 10:30 |

***Any evening/weekends:** If you need to meet later in the evening, please write that time in, and I will make arrangements. The building is only open on M/W until 5:30 PM and Thurs. until 8 PM. I am unavailable on Tuesday evenings as I teach downtown at Zenon Dance. I live in Uptown; please list day/date(s) and your address or nearby cafe & we can meet there:

****Please return this form to Allison with your student ASAP****