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Around Us**

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I hope this correspondence finds everyone staying cool during these dog days of summer. It is hard to believe summer's end is right around the corner. With the new school year quickly approaching, there are a few things I would like to share with everyone.

Between now and the start of the school year, the building will be bustling with representatives from Littiken Construction Company and Marion Glass Company installing new glass doors and roll-a-shades for the windows. The school district received a grant to assist with the funding of this energy efficiency project. The second phase of the project will take place in October when all windows in the old portion of the building will be replaced. We will work closely with the architect to ensure that disruptions to the learning environment are limited.

We received good news from the Illinois State Board of Education this past month. Our Early Childhood grant was funded, thus we will be able to continue our PreK program for the 2011-12 school year. Early exposure to a structured educational program is imperative to helping young children transition successfully into the kindergarten classroom. We are excited to once again be able to offer this programming at Germantown.

Several new teachers were hired for the 2011-12 school year. Heather Simpson will serve as a part time first grade teacher/part time RtI teacher. Ms. Simpson worked at Shiloh Elementary School the past two years as a reading and math interventionist. Amanda McCullough and Lindsay Kania will teach third grade during the upcoming school year. Both teachers recently completed their student teaching in St. Clair County and come to us with the highest recommendation from the Education Department at SIUE. We are excited to welcome these three teachers into the Bulldog family.

Once again, character education/bully prevention will be a focus for the upcoming school year. In August the "Inspector Iwannano Show" will visit Germantown Elementary. The Morris Brothers "Making Better Choices" tour will visit the school in January. Both shows stress the importance of being a person of good character. Hopefully, the students will use what they learn at these shows.

I look forward to another productive, fun-filled school year.

Robin Becker, Superintendent  
Germantown Elementary School