

September 19, 2007

Dear Calvert Families,

Many of you were able to attend our annual Grill Out Day on September 14! We thank you for taking the time to come out to Abbott. We had a great turn out and 387 meals were served. We thank our cafeteria staff, under the direction of Tammy Adams, for all their work in making it a successful day! We also invite you back to have lunch with your child and/or to visit a classroom at any time!

Elementary Plan Day and PLC Day-School will not be in session on Monday, September 24th for elementary students. This day is a planning day for staff. The next Professional Learning Community date is Tuesday, September 25. Students will be dismissed at 1:33 p.m. with buses running accordingly. We appreciate your support.

Parent/Teacher Conferences-will be held in the gyms at Pound Middle School on October 2 and 4. Each teacher schedules his or her conferences directly with you, so please look for additional information from your child's teacher. We appreciate the time you take to help us know you and your child better. By working together, your child's learning is ensured!

School Pictures-Mary Ritchie, Calvert parent and staff member, shares that school pictures will be held on the following dates.

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| October 2 | Individual pictures will be taken during the school day. Orders can be placed after you receive a proof via the Wednesday Folder. |
| October 5 | Classroom and other group pictures will be taken. |

Please call the school office at 436-1130-for the following purposes:

- 1) When your child is absent.
- 2) When your child will not be riding the afternoon bus. (Please indicate bus route color).

You are always invited to talk with the teacher and other staff; however, direct communication with the school office is critical. Thank you for all your efforts to keep us informed!

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)-Students in grades 2 and 5 will take the Cognitive Abilities Test during the week of October 1-5. Please help your child do his or her best every day of the school year by ensuring that he/she gets plenty of rest each day.

School Website-One of our goals this year is to keep our website current! Please look for school information at www.calvert.lps.org. School newsletters, staff contact information, and other helpful information is available. We want you to be informed!

Census Information-Thank you for updating your child's contact information at our Open House in August. With your signature, the second sheet of the form allows your child to attend school field trips. There was also a request for your to designate the primary phone contact for the Connect Ed communication. If you did not get an opportunity to complete the census form, please call the school office so that we can make sure you have the necessary information. Thank you!

MOSAIC-2007 Multicultural Library Media Display-Please come and explore some of the best multicultural books published this year at the 2007 Multicultural Library Media Display Wednesday, October 3 through Friday, November 16, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Public Schools District Offices, 5901 O Street.

International Storyteller Diane Ferlatte will help kick off the MOSAIC exhibit on October 3 at 4:00 p.m. in the LPSDO Board Room. Diane will be sharing stories because "there is wisdom in the old tales, and in the tales of old, that hold truths that we need to know today."

2007 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference-will be held October 21 and 22 at the Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center. A spring conference will be held March 29 at the Papillion-La Vista High School. Both parent conferences are designed to give educational information to parents about major challenges and issues facing families in today's world. More information can be found at the Nebraska Department of Education website at nde.state.ne.us.

To Think About-I discovered I always have choices and sometimes it's only a change of attitude. Judith M. Knowlton

Sincerely,

Michelle Suarez
Principal