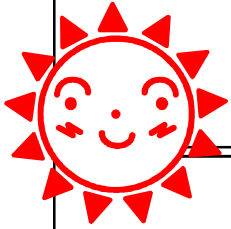




# CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER, 2008



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

BY: MRS. CHILLE-ZAFUTO

Welcome back to Cataract Elementary School!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Our staff is very excited and looking forward to the new school year. You will recognize many of the staff assigned to Cataract Elementary School as well as meeting some new faces.

We're sure you have many questions about the upcoming school year. Please take the time read

the Parent Handbook that your child will bring home the first day of school. It contains all the answers and information you need for the school year.

We hope your child has been reading over the summer months.

Our annual Open House will be held on Thursday, September 18th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. Please take this opportunity to visit our school and meet your child's teacher.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 4th—First full day for students Kdg-6

Monday, September 8th - First full day for Prekindergarten

Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m.—Parent Group Meeting

Thursday, September 18th—Open House, 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23rd—Niagara's Choice Staff Development Day - 11:55 a.m. dismissal for all students—Lunch will be served

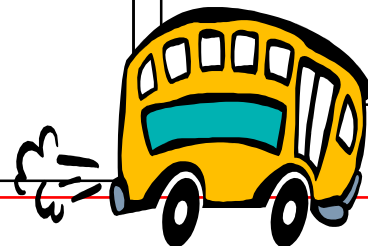
### "F.A.C.T."

## Families and Cataract Together

We welcome all parents to join our "F.A.C.T." Group—Families and Cataract Together.

Our Parent Group is an invaluable asset to our school. The first

meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance in school is vital to your child's success. Parents should make every effort to have their child in school everyday on time unless seriously ill.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school and notify the office. When child returns to school, please provide a written excuse.

If your is going to be tardy, please call the school and notify the office. Parents also

need to provide a written note explaining the reason for the tardiness. Students must report directly to the main office and obtain a late pass.

If your child needs to be excused from school, parents must provide a written note. Parents are also required to sign their child out in the main office.



## CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE

It is imperative that the school has updated/working phone numbers for all students. Please call the school with any changes/additions to student phone numbers. We need working numbers to contact parents in case of emergencies, illness and for the District Auto Dialer System. This system will notify parents if schools are closed due to weather or emergencies. Please return the

"green" Emergency Information Update sheet given to your child on the first day of school.

If your address changes, please phone the school and provide proper proofs of residency (utility bills, mortgage payment receipt or bank statements only).

## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS

We are very fortunate to have Ms. Molly Kurek return as school counselor for Cataract Elementary School.

Parents are welcome to contact Ms. Kurek if their child is having trouble in class, trouble with friends, experiencing bullying, experi-

encing changes at home (divorce, death, illness, separation, employment status, etc.) or just need someone to talk to.

Please contact Ms. Kurek at 278-9120 with any questions or concerns.