

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

"Excellence is not a destination, but a continuous journey that never ends"

- Brian Tracy

November 9, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Congratulations! On Saturday, November 7, 2009, the regional band auditions were held at Driscoll. I am very proud and excited to announce that 31 Driscoll students were selected for Regional Band. What a great testimony to the quality of program, teachers, and students that we have at Driscoll. Congratulations to Mr. Gonzalez and to Mr. Jessop on their success. Thank you parents for your amazing help and support. Well done students!

Welcome back Mrs. Cantini! This past Monday, November 2, 2009, Mrs. Cantini returned to work. We are so happy that she is back and doing great. Thank you all for your good wishes and prayers.

Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2009, we will be holding our annual Veterans Day observance. This year we will be holding our ceremonies in the afternoon as opposed to the morning. This will allow those of you with children in other schools to attend in the morning, and still be able to attend at Driscoll. Eighth grade will attend at 1:07, followed by seventh grade at 1:56, and sixth grade at 2:45. All ceremonies will be held in the gym. We look forward to seeing our parents and veterans!

Sixth Grade Sex Ed. Program – Tonight, November 9, 2009, there will be an informational presentation for sixth grade parents. This will be an opportunity to receive information and ask questions regarding the sex education program.

The Presidents' Volunteer Service Award - Driscoll PTA is proud to sponsor the President's Volunteer Service Award. This award was implemented by the President of the United States to reward and thank Americans who inspire others to engage in volunteer service, through commitment and example. Attached is a flyer that explains how your child can participate, and a log to keep track of volunteer activity.

Mental Wellness – In an effort to promote health and wellness, NEISD has held Asthma Blowouts. This Thursday, November 12, 2009, there will be a Mental Wellness night at Johnson High School. There will

be some very informative seminars for parents. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Previously I wrote that this was for adults only. However, this event is for parents and high school and middle school students. Toddler care is available while parents attend information sessions. Attached is a flyer with more information.

Academic Pep Rally – Wednesday, November 4, 2009, we held our first academic pep rallies for this year. Our theme was the 80's, and we had a blast. The students did a great job and I want to extend congratulations to all of the students who received awards. I am sure there will be some pictures floating around. I didn't know I could still tight roll my jeans. Thanks parents for your support and attendance. Special recognition to our faculty and staff, who worked very hard on a very busy day.

Dance Clinic – On Saturday, December 5, 2009, there will be a dance clinic held at Churchill High School. The cost is \$30 per attendee, and it is open to girls from pre-K (minimum age 4) to ninth grade. Attached is a flyer with more information.

This week at Driscoll, the following events will be taking place:

Monday, November 2, 2009

Review Choice Sheets w/8th Grade
6th Grade Sex Ed Program 6:30 p.m. MPR

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Review Choice Sheets w/8th Grade

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Veterans' Day Program
8th Grade 1:07 Gym
7th Grade 1:56 Gym
6th Grade 2:45 Gym

Thursday, November 5, 2009

Robotics Club 3:45 p.m.

Friday, November 6, 2009

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Region Band Clinic 8:30 a.m. Churchill HS

Region Orchestra auditions

Have a great week!

Peter A. Martinez

Principal

Driscoll Middle School

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

- Benjamin Franklin