

Cumberland Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Cumberland Parent Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all families new to the Cumberland Elementary School community. For those returning, welcome back! My name is Ellen Dennehy, and I am returning as President of Parent Council for the 2009/2010 school year. The rest of our Executive Board includes Diane Beaudoin (Vice-President), Dacia Mumford (Treasurer), and Rachel Shook (Volunteer Coordinator), all serving their second term.

The Cumberland Parent Council is an organization of **parents and staff** interested in the education of children and assisting in the activities of the school and school community. The responsibilities of the Council include acting as a liaison between parents and school administration, encouraging active parent participation in school activities, coordinating volunteers and committees, and giving support, assistance, and appreciation to teachers.

The membership of the Cumberland Elementary School Parent Council includes **all interested parents**, teachers, and the school principal. Fundraising activities take place throughout the year, and the money is used for special programs such as teacher grants, the nature center, and Arts in Education programs. We also sponsor many activities, including Walk to School Day, Family Art and Math Nights, a Winter Carnival, and the annual running of the Taulman Mile. You'll learn more about these Cumberland traditions soon!

We encourage all parents to be involved and can offer a range of volunteer opportunities for everyone! We are currently looking for individuals interested in serving as the Secretary for parent council – please let me know if you want more information about serving in this way. We will also have information about volunteer opportunities available during open house on August 12, and on the first day of school.

During the 2008-09 school year we invested in multiple capital projects in the school, including completion of the mosaic wall, installation of kites and awnings in the Cumberland Café, and installation of new flooring, cabinets, and countertop in the school kitchen. Please see the back of this letter for information on our “kitchen shower”, a fun way to support our teachers and staff as we kick off the new school year.

The success of the activities depends on the involvement of Cumberland families. If you have any questions feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with you this coming year.

Sincerely,



Ellen Dennehy, Parent Council President