

# Letter from Mrs. Frank, Principal of Brunner Elementary School

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Dear Brunner Parents,

It is so hard to believe that another year has flown by! Each year seems to go by faster than the last! Here is an overview of the 2008-2009 school year:

- Brunner started (and continues) a serious recycling effort.
- Brunner students participated in the first Walk to School Day.
- Teachers learned about and use formative assessment.
- Students and teachers saw many wonderful assemblies this year (thank you, PTA!).
- Every grade went on a field trip.
- Brunner participated in a lesson study (teachers study how students learn).
- The Cat in the Hat came to visit students in preschool through first grade.
- Brunner hosted the poet Eloise Bruce and author Laura Clarizio.
- Several parents and students participated in crafting our district's Strategic Plan.
- End of the year festivities include Reader's Theatre, Sing Alongs, Songfests, Authors Teas.
- Our first school-wide Flag Day celebration (thank you to the Ciccarino family for donating the flag).

Many, many other activities take place each and every day.

Brunner School thanks our parents because without you we would not have many of the wonderful programs and supplies that all of us enjoy. Our school is known for its warm, caring atmosphere and that is because we are composed of so many great families!

Now, looking towards the next school year:

- We are sorry to see Mrs. Cecchini leave us. She and her family will be moving to southern New Jersey.
- We congratulate Mrs. Blechert and Mrs. Trautmann (lunch aides) on their retirement.
- We wish good luck to Ms. Heger (lunch aide).
- We are sorry to see Mrs. Kelk and Mrs. Pipher leave our Brunner family. Their preschool program is moving to Coles School. Mrs. Helock and Mrs. Negri (aides) will also go to Coles.
- We look forward to calling her **Mrs.** Vanderheyden - congratulations on her wedding.
- We welcome Mrs. Hernandez, a former Coles teacher, to Brunner as our new kindergarten teacher.

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer!

Mrs. Frank