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**WELCOME TO
MINOOKA JUNIOR HIGH &
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In a few short weeks, we will be welcoming returning students and staff. Additionally, our learning community will be celebrating the arrival of new families, students, and staff to the Minooka Indian family. Recognizing the change that every school faces, we have been working diligently as a team to prepare for the arrival of students. We celebrate the leadership and accomplishments that those outgoing members of our community brought to Minooka Junior High School and Little Indians Learning Center, and we welcome the following new staff:

- Meghan Nolan – 7/8th grade Spanish
- Nancy Kolb-Puglisi – 8th grade Science
- Jason Avgeris – 7th grade Mathematics
- Jeff Flaxman – 8th grade Social Studies
- Matt Slusher – 7th/8th grade Physical Education
- Amy Housing – 8th grade Special Education
- Mary Czuczuk – Teacher Associate
- Lisa Swiderski – Teacher Associate
- Dave Battey – Head Custodian
- Cameron Findlay – Teacher Assistant

The summer continues to fade away, and we realize that August 31, 2009 (our FIRST day of school) is rapidly approaching; we would like to take the opportunity to share with you some of the topics that are on our minds and have highlighted them on the following pages. If you have any questions about the information provided, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to partnering with you as we support your children, our students, in the coming school year.

To that end, we have scheduled a busy day packed full of activities for students and their families. Junior High student schedule and locker assignment distribution will take place during the day on August 20, 2009. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., students will be allowed into the building to pick up schedules and to have their photo taken for their student ID cards. From 2:00-6:00 p.m., students will be invited to tour the building and move into their assigned hallway lockers during the evening session of “Find Your Way Day.” During this evening session, students may explore the building and walk their schedule so long as they are **accompanied by a PARENT.**

Students unable to come during the above-referenced time frames to pick up their schedules may come to the Junior High main office after August 20th. **Schedules will not be available for pick up prior to August 20th.** All unclaimed schedules and locker assignments will be distributed to students before first period on August 31st.

The first day of student attendance for Little Indians will be September 1, 2009. Little Indian parents and students are invited to attend an opening day Orientation on August 31, 2009. Parents with students assigned to the A.M. session can meet with their classroom teacher from 8:30-9:30 a.m., and P.M. parents and students will follow from 10:30-11:30 a.m. that same morning.

New School Times for 2009-2010 School Year

Junior High Students	7:35 – 2:25
Little Indians A.M.	8:25 – 11:05
Little Indians P.M.	12:35 – 3:15

When we welcomed the Little Indians into our school house two years ago, we faced some transitioning. Now that we are opening a new building, the Intermediate School, on the north end of our campus, the district, and our building in particular has had to make additional accommodations. This has come in the form of changes to our parking lot, front drive, and drop off procedures.

Drop-off and Pick-up for ALL students:

For the 2009-2010, busses will be dropping off Junior High and Intermediate school students in the new circular drive between the two buildings. Junior High parents dropping their students off and/or picking their students up will need to do so utilizing the front circular drive near the Junior High's main office. Keeping in mind that this is a new procedure and may need to be reexamined as the school year progresses, we appreciate your understanding in ensuring the safety of all of our students! If such changes must occur, we will communicate those changes to all families in both a timely fashion and via various forms of media.

Parents of Little Indians will be receiving two colored placards to keep in their vehicle. This will be used to identify the authorized vehicle for your child, streamlining the departure procedures. Parents coordinating a car pool will receive a separate placard with the names of all children in the car pool to again use as identification for students riding in that particular vehicle.

Little Indian parents are asked to complete the vehicle drop-off/pick-up/car pooling form and return it to the school no later than August 24, 2009. We will then prepare the placards and have them available on August 31 during the Little Indian Orientation.

Should it be the case for any of our students to be late or need to be picked up early, parents will need to enter the building at the main entrance and follow the sign-in/sign-out procedures. Remember – the person picking up your child **MUST BE AN ADULT** (18 years or older) and on your approved pick-up list. To ensure the safety of our students, those adults picking up your children **MUST** provide photo identification.

Student Transportation Information/Bussing Assignments:

Student transportation information is generated by the district office in coordination with the Transportation Department. As families continue to register their students, these assignments may change, therefore, the Transportation Department delays the publishing of finalized lists until the latest date possible to avoid constant "updates." With that said, letters containing bus assignments and transportation routing will be sent to the homes of all District #201 families in the very near future. If you should have any questions regarding transportation, please direct your phone calls to the Transportation Department at (815) 467-5133.

Student Handbook & IDs:

Each child in grades 7 & 8 will be given an assignment notebook during their first period class on the first day of school. It is the expectation of the MJHS faculty and administration that every student and parent will both read the district policies outlined in the opening pages and return the authorization sheet located within the spiral. Returning this form will allow your child to have access to technological resources at school. We ask that you encourage your child to turn their form in to their first hour teacher no later than Friday, September 4, 2009.

Students are to carry the assignment notebook with them as it will function both as an organizer and plan book for homework and projects and also as a hallway passbook. When used consistently, the assignment notebook not only assists students with organization and staying on top of their studies, but it has also proven to be a great communication tool between school and home.

As part of the student's responsibilities, they are expected to **WEAR THEIR SCHOOL ISSUED ID ON A BREAK-AWAY LANYARD DAILY**. Students will be issued ONE (1) free ID and lanyard. Beyond that point, students will have to pay to replace the ID and/or lanyard.

Finally, your presence at events such as the one mentioned above and those scheduled throughout the course of the school year sends a powerful message to your child that you value his/her experience here at MJHS/LILC. We hope that the programs we will be providing throughout the course of the school year will be informative and provide you with a greater insight and understanding of the Minooka learning community.

We are a student-centered school configured around teams that create a closer knit learning environment for your child. We believe that this structure provides us the best opportunity to provide successful experiences for your child as he/she grows throughout their adolescent years here at Minooka. This time is unique for both students and their parents. As a school staff, we are committed to creating a safe environment in which your child can grow academically and also have the opportunity to meet new friends and discover new gifts that they possess.

On behalf of the entire staff at Minooka Junior High School & Little Indians Learning Center, welcome!

Sincerely,



DJ Skogsberg
Principal

P.S. Please be sure to reference the enclosed letter from QSP Readers Digest regarding our fall fundraiser!

MJHS / LILC / MIS Campus Map

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Routes

