



# Townline Elementary School

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Dear Townline Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! Our staff has been working diligently preparing the school for students! The floors are all shiny, classrooms are looking spiffy and new mulch is on the playground ready for action!

This summer I attended a *Close the Achievement Gap* Conference at Harvard University for a week. Yes, you can say that your child's principal went to Harvard!! After the conference I stayed in Boston for an additional 3 days and walked the Freedom Trail, checked out Faneuil Hall, strolled around Boston Commons, toured Bunker Hill and more. It certainly is a walking city! A day and a half after I returned from Boston I jumped on another airplane and flew to Vancouver, Canada, where a cruise ship awaited my arrival. I cruised to Alaska for 7 days seeing the inside passage, whales, Glacier Bay and relaxed. In between all these events, I squeezed in kayaking around northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Overall, it was a great summer!

#### Here's what's new at Townline:

- The Art Room (Mr. Jaramillo) is now located in the west fitness room.
- The parking lot was seal-coated and repainted
- New mulch was added to the playground
- Mrs. Zuder got a full time teaching position at Aspen. We wish her all the best!
- Mrs. Loucks, Student Services Clerk, is moving to Chicago and won't be joining our staff this year.

#### Welcome the following new staff members:

- Ms. Rebecca Wisniewski, 5th grade teacher. Her room will be on the 2nd floor in the former Townline Art Room.
- Kristina Zhuraval is our new Russian ELL teacher.
- Art Teacher- To be hired
- Maternity substitutes for Mrs. Geib and Mrs. Coleman- To be hired
- Student Services Clerk- To be hired

#### Important Information:

- **Communication:** Be sure to sign up for monthly Principal Newsletters and weekly information regarding upcoming important events and deadlines. Sign up at <http://townline.hawthorn73.org> and click on *Subscribe to our Newsletter* on the right side. Important dates are also listed online as well.
- **Texting:** Be sure to sign up for our one-way REMIND texting service. See attached documents in this envelope regarding information about subscribing for REMIND texting service.
- **Parent Pick Up:** Please try to confirm all afternoon pick up arrangements with the school by **2:00PM** so students know exactly where to go when the bell rings. This helps to reduce confusion and makes the dismissal process more efficient. I appreciate your cooperation!

**Dates to Remember:**



**August 17 from 6:00-8:00PM:** Kindergarten only "Get Acquainted Time" (Supply drop off, meet the teacher, school scavenger hunt, curriculum night and kindy playdate)



**August 19:** Kindy Practice Bus Rides (Registration Required)

**August 22 and 23:** Teacher Institute Days

**August 23 from 9:00AM-10:15AM:** Grades 1-5 "Get Acquainted Time" (Meet the teacher, tour the school and supply drop off)

**August 24:** First Day of School (K-5)

**August 26:** School Spirit Day (wear school colors blue & yellow)

**August 30:** Grades 1 & 2 Curriculum Night at 7:00PM

**September 1:** Grades 3-5 Curriculum Night at 7:00PM

**September 2:** TL & DL Family Night "Back to School Ice Cream Social"

If you ever need anything or have a question, please contact the main office at 847-990-4901.

With Townline Pride,

*Victoria Kieffer, Ph.D.*