



## A Note from the Principal...

Here we are at the end of 2009. Another year has gone by quickly and, like you, I am watching my children change and grow rapidly! This year, when you are thinking about your own New Year's resolutions, why not consider having your children come up with their own resolutions? Here are some suggestions:

- I'll be nice to other kids. I'll be friendly to kids who need friends - like someone who is shy, or is new to my school.
- I will wear my seat belt every time I get in a car. I'll sit in the back seat and use a booster seat until I am tall enough to use a lap/shoulder seat belt.
- I'll never give out personal information such as my name, home address, school name, or telephone number on the Internet.
- I will try to find a sport (like basketball or soccer) or an activity (like playing tag, jumping rope, dancing or riding my bike) that I like and do it at least three times a week.
- I will always wear a helmet when bicycling.
- I will drink milk and water, and limit soda and fruit drinks.

These are just suggestions. Work with your children to come up with their own resolutions that work for them and your family. Enjoy the holidays! I look forward to working with you and your children in 2010 and beyond.

*Heather Terrill Stotts*

## 2010-2011 Kindergarten Enrollment...

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2010, he/she is eligible to attend Kindergarten next fall. To enroll, call Mrs. Harrington at Arena Elementary at 753-2361. Please pass the word on to your friends and neighbors too!



Ken Lonquist, a singer and songwriter from Madison, will be at Arena Elementary the last week of January. He will be conducting a songwriting residency with all the students in the school. Part of the funds for this residency have come from a grant provided by the Spring Green Art Fair committee. More information will be sent home in January.

## Deteriorating Weather Conditions...

If your child's emergency plan for an early release has changed from the one you provided to us at the beginning of the school year, please let us know as soon as possible at 753-2361. We are also asking you to call the school if you are in doubt regarding the information that was given to us earlier this year. We will not be calling parents if there is a cancellation of school unless you have requested us to do so. Please remember to listen to the local radio or television station for school delays, cancellations, or early release announcements if we are experiencing inclement weather on a school day.



## You Are Invited...

On Thursday, January 14, 2010, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, the River Valley School District Board of Education will have a special meeting to discuss possibilities for the future of our schools in the district. We are seeking input for the process to be used in resolving our financial deficit as well as reviewing enrollment issues and possible solutions. While no decisions will be made at this meeting, the administrative team will present multiple options for consideration to the Board of Education. Your attendance and involvement are most welcome. Please contact your building principal if you have questions.

## 2008 Storms and Flooding Assistance...

Project Recovery has entered into another phase of disaster recovery. The funds available are grants, and do not need to be paid back. The grants are to be utilized specifically for unmet needs you may still have due to the 2008 storms and flooding. If you are interested in speaking with a Project Recovery Outreach Worker, please call LaNell Jaquish at 1-866-422-3742. Leave your name, telephone number, county, and a message saying you're interested in applying for "unmet needs funding". She will gladly assist you with the appropriate application and referral process to access available funds.