Dear Coakley Families,

We are off to an exciting start to our 2014-2015 School Year. Mr. Scully, Ms. Romeo and I have so enjoyed beginning to get to know your students. Already they have demonstrated an excitement for learning and a strong level of respect.

This is the first of our weekly emails that will serve to keep parents informed of the Coakley happenings.

**DEMOGRAPHIC FORMS**

Your students will be bringing home the demographic forms early next week. It includes very important emergency contact information. Please take a moment to provide us with current phone numbers for you and your emergency contacts. Also, this year we urge you to include your email address as we would like to continue using weekly emails as our primary source of communicating with you. The forms should be returned as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 12, 2014.

**CULTURE AND CLIMATE**

Mr. Scully, our new Assistant Principal has visited each of our middle school classrooms to discuss our high expectations for student behavior based upon our two core values of respect and responsibility. Over the next few months we will be planning some school-wide events to identify other core values, and we will be using these values as the basis for our conversations with students about how we treat each other. Mr. Scully has also highlighted a positive reinforcement program which we will be using to celebrate students making good choices and making a positive impact on others in our school community.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Romeo, our Vice Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, has begun visiting classrooms and sharing our high expectations with your children for their learning. She will be meeting with teachers and modeling lessons in which students will have opportunities to engage in learning through active conversations and interactions with each other in the classroom.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*PTO Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the CMS Library*

*CMS Open House: Wednesday, September 17, 2014*

*Picture Day: Thursday, September 25, 2014*

**WHO TO CALL**

Often parents are not sure who to call with specific questions about their student. A great first contact about academic issues is your student’s team of teachers. Guidance Counselors are also a resource for you and your child. The following is a list of our guidance counselors and the teams that they work with:

Ashley Sassano: Gold Team: asassano@norwood.k12.ma.us

Kevin Hoffman: Green Team: khoffman@norwood.k12.ma.us

Laura Mathews: Blue Team: lmathews@norwood.k12.ma.us

Our school nurse, Ms. McDonough, can be contacted for medical questions and concerns.

She can be reached through the school phone or via email: k\_mcdonough@norwood.k12.ma.us.

And as always, you may contact any of our administrative team at the following emails and extensions:

Mr. Scully, Vice Principal for Discipline

 781-762-7880 x 5841 bscully@norwwod.k12.ma.us

Ms. Romeo, Vice Principal for Curriculum and Instruction

781-762-7880 x 5853 dromeo@norwood.k12.ma.us

Mrs,. Mann, Principal: 781-762-7880 x 5921

jmann@norwood.k12.ma.us

It has been a wonderful week, and we thank you for the privilege of teaching your children. We look forward to weeks ahead.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Mann