

Dear Parents,

The end of the year is quickly approaching and the month of May promises to be a special month for all of our students. There are a number of programs to help our students prepare for next year as well as celebrate our accomplishments. In all, we want the last several weeks of the school year to be positive and prepare our students for future and continued success.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to meet with the ninth grade assistant principal from Avon Grove High School, Mr. Gary Benasutti during the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. These meetings are designed to familiarize Engle students with the academic expectations that they will experience next year at Avon Grove High School. These meetings will be held by team to provide a slightly smaller setting for each group of students and will also introduce the students to the activities director at Avon Grove High School, Mr. Michael Berardi.

In addition to these team-level meetings, the students will also receive a tour of Avon Grove High School on May 24<sup>th</sup>, led by high school teachers and students. This will be another opportunity to ask questions of students, administrators, and teachers at Avon Grove High School and hopefully provide a forum for learning more about the opportunity awaiting each student at AGHS. In all, this will mark the third time that students will have received information about the high school, hopefully making the transition that much easier. In August, Avon Grove High School will host a "Take – a – Look" event that will allow students the chance to walk the high school with schedule in hand and become familiar with the location of classes and resources throughout the building. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as well as contact the high school administration or guidance department with questions as they arise.

To celebrate the accomplishments of our students during the year, several events are planned for the month of May. First and foremost is the honor roll social scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is for all students who have earned honor roll the first three marking periods and will include the opportunity to build your own sundae and see entertainment aimed at middle school aged children.

The honor roll social will be followed on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with the spring concert series, featuring the performing arts groups from Engle. The various choral groups, instrumental bands and the orchestra will perform a full slate of selections in the Avon Grove High School Auditorium. These evenings will showcase the various talents of our students and demonstrate the hard work and effort that students have invested in these groups. Watching these performances always amazes me at the level of talent in our school and makes me very proud of each student's accomplishments.

Another showcasing of our talented students will occur on May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Avon Grove School District Art Show, also at Avon Grove High School. Engle students, along with students from around the district, will have their art on display. This will feature a variety of media and is another wonderful example of the many talented students learning at Engle every day.

I look forward to seeing you at the many activities during the month of May and hope you will join me in congratulating our students on their many wonderful accomplishments from the 2009-2010 school year.

Regards,  
Michael Snopkowski