

## **Superintendent's Message – December 5, 2007**

### **The Gift of Time**

There is always something very special about this time of year. Regardless of one's religious affiliation, and in spite of the commercialism in our streets and stores, a spirit of giving and sharing always seem to prevail during the holiday season.

There is a special joy in this season, as we share meals with friends and relatives, share gifts with our loved ones, and share time together as a family. As the holidays approach, most of us, regardless of our occupation, are fortunate enough to receive some extra time off. This time can be spent giving your children the best gift they can receive, the gift of time.

To put it into perspective, in a 2002 survey conducted by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, one in five children said that they don't spend enough meaningful time with their parents.

As you plan for the upcoming holidays, I would like to remind you that the material gifts we give fade over time, and are insignificant compared to the time and love we give each and every day throughout the year, and especially during the holiday season.

Time and love are the foundations that will determine the adults our children will become.

Happy Holidays,

Glen Ishiwata