

Superintendent's Message August 27th 2008

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the 2008-2009 school year. It is my honor and privilege to be serving my third year as Moreland's Superintendent. Our incredible staff was hard at work over the summer, enabling us to welcome our students back with open arms and an enthusiasm to continue our rich tradition and commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

Of course, being a parent is the most important educational role anyone can have. You are your child's first and most crucial teacher. As you and your child prepare for the new school year, try one or several of these small ways to be more involved in your child's educational process:

Show an interest in what your child is learning

Ask questions that go beyond the usual, "how was school?" Questions such as, "What do you know today that you didn't know yesterday?" "What would you like to learn more about tomorrow?" Ask your child to teach you something they learned that day. Giving them a teaching opportunity is a way to increase their understanding.

Show an interest in what your child does at school Ask about specific events during your child's day. Avoid questions that can be answered with a one word answer; and ask questions such as, "What happened at school today?" "What was the best thing about your day?"

Communicate with your child's teachers

The teachers in the Moreland school District are as committed to your child's academic success as you are, and welcome parental communication. Call check in periodically with your child's teacher.

With your involvement in mind, I invite you to visit our schools and to become more familiar with the educational opportunities in the district. The more you show an interest and are involved in your child's education, the more they will feel empowered to succeed academically.

At Moreland, we are committed to maintaining our focus on improving the academic, social and emotional development of our students, and helping them grow into responsible and successful members of society. I look forward to working with you to ensure each student enjoys a successful school year.

Glen Ishiwata
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