

## **From the Principal**

May 19, 2008

### **Spring Carnival and Talent Show A Success**

Thank you to Tish McK. and Anne Marie P. for a very fine Spring Event. The organization was imaginative. The carnival games and talent provided a very creative opportunity for all participants.

### **Girls On the Run**

Our Girls On the Run Program concluded this weekend with a 5K run at Vasona Park. The participants celebrated an active spring with a dinner in our Multi on Monday evening. Thank you to Elizabeth McD. and congratulations to all coaches and students, including:

Teresa B.	Linda B.	Signa A.
Jean I.	Cynthia C.	Sandy M.
Karen G.	Elizabeth D.	Jannett K.

This was a very worthwhile program that we hope to continue at our school.

### **Class Placement**

During the final month of the year, the Springer Staff will be working with the Almond Staff to develop the 2008 - 2009 student placements. The placements and class rosters will be finalized for all students in August. Many factors are considered as we build our classes. We will make every effort to balance the classes according to the following criteria:

- Boy - girl ratio
- A blend of learning styles
- English Language skills
- Needs of students
- Social skills

Our staff has worked with your child for the entire year and our teachers use formal and informal observation data to determine placement. Over the year, the observations that have been shared in parent communications are the same data points that teachers use to help make justifiable placements.

If you feel your child's teacher needs to know other information that we may not have, please communicate this information soon. Parent requests for specific teachers are not accepted, but student information is welcome.

Please understand that great care is taken to place each child in an environment that will build social, emotional, and academic success. We will notify each student of their placement with a personal letter in the middle of August.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our school.