

*From the principal's desk....*

This week, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week! I hope that you took the opportunity at some point to thank your child's teacher for a job well done. Every day I think about how grateful I am to be at Douglass working with an amazing group of teachers. So please join me in a very loud and clear THANK YOU DOUGLASS TEACHERS!!!

Last month, I shared the major highlights of the construction project that will begin immediately after school ends later this month - **Main entrance and office renovation; a new preschool classroom; air conditioning in the computer lab; electrical upgrades; library renovation; and a new elevator**. These improvements to our school will make our learning and working environment much improved and enhanced – and I am excited about the future look we will have at Douglass!

With any renovation, you can expect some changes to routine – last month, I mentioned that the school will be off limits to everyone, save construction and custodial personnel, while asbestos abatement is completed. We should be able to re-enter the building in mid-July.

When students come back to school in August, one big change you will see is that the main parking lot will be used by the construction crew. School buses will drop off and pick up students in the north parking lot; this area will be re-painted and re-striped this year to safely park and move school buses. We'll ask parents to park in the north lot as well – and then check in at the main office's temporary location in the Quonset hut.

Last year, we asked parents to pay for student fees using Pay for It, a web-based fee management through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. This fall, we will use the same system, and given that we are moving our office to a temporary location, the more we use web-based systems, the more manageable it becomes for us at school.

If you have never logged on to the Parent Portal through Infinite Campus, please be on the lookout for a letter next week that will have your family's log-on information and security key. You will be able to access attendance information now, and later in middle and high school, be able to keep on top of homework assignments and assessments. The important part for us at Douglass is that is the way we'd like to collect student fees. We hope you find it convenient as well.

Your principal,

Jon Wolfer