

# COFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Coffin School Families,

In the midst of Author's Teas, Reader's Theaters, Fun Days, Teddy Bear Parades, field trips and other excitement, it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of end-of-year energy and accolades.

Walking through a quiet hallway early this morning before school, I had a chance to take a few moments and appreciate a writing display entitled, "A Celebration of Growth; Look How We've Bloomed!" It's filled with student writing from the beginning and the end of the year, punctuated with smiling photos and student artwork - a wonderful and celebratory slice of learning.

This has been a year of incredible growth for all of us at Coffin Elementary School and I hope you get a chance to similarly reflect upon and celebrate your child's progress.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the entire Coffin school community for the privilege of continuing to serve as principal of Coffin Elementary School. It has been both an exciting and challenging year, made all the more fulfilling by working with such dedicated staff and parents. While we're already coalescing plans for the fall here at school, I'm also looking forward to spending more quality time this summer with my wife and two children. It's all good.

Wishing all of you a safe and relaxing summer and we'll look forward to welcoming you back to school in September. For those of you headed off to Harriet Beecher Stowe School, please be sure to keep in touch and let us know of your continued successes.

Most appreciatively,



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## Coffin School Activities

**REMINDER: Early Dismissal Tomorrow – 1:00 PM  
September**

- Monday the 2nd - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday the 3rd
  - First day of School for Grades 1 and 2
  - Kindergarten Screening (for those who missed May dates)
- Wednesday the 4th - Kindergarten Abbreviated Day (10:30 - 11:30 AM)
- Thursday the 5th - Kindergarten Early Dismissal (11:30 AM)
- Friday the 6th - Regular School Day for all K - 2 (9:00 AM - 3:30 PM)

## October

- Friday the 4th - Early Release - 1:00 PM Dismissal



Wishing Mrs. Fifield, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Soule congratulations on their respective retirements! Thank you for all you've done on behalf of Brunswick children. We'll miss you!!!



Mrs. Knight



Mrs. Soule



thank  
you!



## Summer Reading

Coffin School  
Reading Room

Dear Parents,

June 12, 2013

Thank you for supporting your child's reading this year. It is important to continue reading and writing in the summer. The research is clear on the summer effect. Children who choose to read during the summer continue to learn more about reading as they read. These children return to school ahead of their classmates simply because they read. The cumulative effect over each school year adds up to an increasing gap between readers and nonreaders. Just as fine athletes and musicians must practice daily to maintain successful performance, children must practice in order to continue to be good readers and writers. You can support this progress by reading to him/her, by listening to your child read easy books at home and by providing writing opportunities.

What is an easy book? There should be less than one word in ten to work on. Read to them when the reading is too hard. Here's a quick list of sources:

- Back of the cereal box
- Subscriptions to magazines for kids
- Series – repetition of topic and characters promotes fluent reading
- Librarians, book stores, Amazon.com (they provide lists of other books you might like based on your reading).
- Booklists on the internet

Kathleen Odeon's, [Great Books for Boys](#)



Writing tasks at home are important too - thank you notes, shopping lists, diaries, work out schedules. Our personal favorite is a journal where you keep track of what happened each day.

Sincerely,

Berenice Knight

Ms. Peters' class recently collected cat and dog food for the Coastal Humane Society. Her students learned how to work with larger numbers in math so they would be able to come up with a total number of food. The results – 114 cans and bags of food. We would like to thank everyone for donating.



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