

# Champlain Elementary School



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Dear Families,

I am sure students and families are looking forward to summer and freedom from the routine of school. It is my hope that students have lots of fun during the summer as well as find some opportunities to practice and fine tune all the great reading and mathematics skills they have learned during this school year. There are lots of places to read during the summer months, such as before bedtime, on the beach, or on long car rides. Mathematics can be practiced in similar places or when adding up the grocery list, figuring out the fractions in a recipe or playing math games. Kindergarteners and First Graders can be asked to count anything and everything around the house or neighborhood. First and Second Graders can practice addition and subtraction facts. Third through fifth graders can begin to practice multiplication and division facts. Just a small portion of every summer day dedicated to reading and mathematics will go a long way towards holding on to students' skill levels for the fall. Have a super summer! Sincerely, Leslie



**DATES**

**TO**

**REMEMBER!**

- ✓ June 10<sup>th</sup> Student Visitation Day (visits to 2009-2010 class)
- ✓ June 11th Last day of school-early dismissal for students 11:30
- ✓ August 26th-first PTO meeting of the 2009-2010 school year
- ✓ September 1st-Open House for all students and families from 8:00-10:00 a.m.



## *Fond Farewell!*



Our librarian, Ms. Tkach, and library assistant, Mrs. Crowley, will both be retiring after this school year. They have dedicated so much of their careers to Champlain. We will miss their morning greetings, story times, computer help, and overall reading knowledge lots! In honor of their leaving, the librarian at Burlington High School, Jan Hughes, knitted 38 Comfort Dolls to honor their service (38 years total). The Comfort Dolls will be sent to Africa to orphanages and to children that are ill. On the last day of school Ms. Charlotte Bunzigiye will explain

what the dolls are and where they will be going. She is in charge of the Comfort Dolls program and serves 5 orphanages-- 2 in the Congo, 1 each in Rwanda, Benin, and the Ivory Coast. We wish Ms. Tkach and Mrs. Crowley a much deserved, happy, relaxing and wonderful retirement!

