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**"THOSE WE LOVE ARE THE SNOWFLAKES OF LIFE. NONE ARE THE SAME, EACH IS BEAUTIFUL, AND ALL BRING SOMETHING SPECIAL TO OUR WORLD."**

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**DIRECT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RICCI WASSERMAN**



IT WAS SUCH A PLEASURE MEETING SO MANY OF YOU AT THE VARIOUS HOLIDAY PARTIES AND IN THE SCHOOLS THIS FALL. MY HUSBAND JOEL AND I REALLY ENJOY THE WARM AND LOVING SPIRIT WE FIND IN OUR SCHOOLS. SEPTEMBER 2012 WILL MARK 30 YEARS SINCE WE FOUNDED PRIME TIME. THE CHILDREN, PARENTS AND STAFF HAVE WARMED OUR HEARTS FOR SO MANY YEARS. THANK YOU ALL.

AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE A LARGE IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAY IN THE FALL FOR ALL OUR STAFF. WE WORK LONG AND HARD TO MAKE THE DAY VERY USEFUL AND TO PROVIDE OUR STAFF THE REQUIRED TRAINING HOURS MANDATED BY THE STATE. WE (NANCY NATHANSON, B.S. MED – REGIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR AND CHRISTINE TARALLO, B.A. REGIONAL MANAGER AND I) HAVE THE STAFF EVALUATIONS OF THE DAY. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE IN COMMON WITH OUR STAFF:

**WHAT CAN BE DONE AT NAPTIME WHEN A CHILD DOESN'T SLEEP?** MAKE THE ATMOSPHERE SLEEP FRIENDLY – DIM THE LIGHTS, PLAY QUIET MUSIC, A BACK RUB AND MOST IMPORTANT - A ROUTINE. BY TWO (2) YEARS OLD, CHILDREN FALL INTO THE ROUTINE QUITE EASILY. WHEN THERE ARE DIVERSIONS SUCH AS A CHILD ARRIVING AT UNUSUAL TIMES, A FIRE DRILL, OR THE GARBAGE TRUCK COMES LATE AND GRABS THEIR ATTENTION, IT TAKES LONGER TO SETTLE IN. AS A CHILD GETS OLDER, HE/SHE

MAY NEED LESS SLEEP. THEY CAN GENERALLY QUIET DOWN WITH A PICTURE, BOOK, OR QUIET TOY SO THEY AND THEIR FRIENDS CAN REST. REMEMBER, IF A CHILD IS NOT TIRED, IT IS TORTURE FOR BOTH OF YOU TO TRY TO MAKE HIM/HER SLEEP. SETTLE FOR A SHORT REST AND QUIET ACTIVITIES UNTIL REQUIRED NAP TIME IS OVER.

**HOW DO YOU GET A CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ACTIVITY IF HE/SHE DOESN'T WANT TO?** MAKE THE ACTIVITY AS INTERESTING AS YOU CAN, BUT PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES. THAT'S WHY WE USE CENTERS, SO CHILDREN CAN CHOOSE WHAT INTERESTS HIM/HER BUT CAN SEE WHAT OTHERS ARE FINDING EQUALLY INTERESTING. MAYBE NEXT TIME THEY WILL JOIN IN SOMETHING NEW.

**IF WE TEACH NONVERBAL INFANTS AND TODDLERS TO USE SIGN LANGUAGE WILL IT HINDER THEM ACQUIRING SPEECH?** UNLESS A CHILD LACKS THE PHYSICAL PROPRIETIES FOR SPEECH, IT WILL NOT. SIGNING IS JUST AN EASIER WAY FOR SOME CHILDREN TO GET THEIR NEEDS KNOWN.

**HOW CAN WE GET ARTWORK DONE PROPERLY?** THERE IS NO PROPER WAY. ART IS AN INDIVIDUAL CREATIVE PROCESS. THE JOB OF THE ADULT IS TO SHOW THE CHILD A VARIETY OF SAMPLES, PROVIDE A VARIETY OF MATERIALS, AND NOT ASK, "WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE DOING/MAKING?"

IF YOU LIKE THIS Q & A AND WOULD LIKE IT CONTINUED OR HAVE QUESTIONS OF YOUR OWN, LET US KNOW AT PT1SCH@AOL.COM.

**DIRECT FROM THE REGIONAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NANCY NATHANSON**

**YOUNG CHILDREN NEED TO PLAY**



HOPEFULLY, OVER THIS BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON YOU AND YOUR

CHILD WERE ABLE TO SET ASIDE SOME "DOWNTIME" – UNSTRUCTURED, LEISURE TIME PLAYING TOGETHER.

PLAY AND ITS' IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN A HOT TOPIC IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FIELD FOR QUITE SOME TIME. IT SEEMS AMAZING THAT WE HAVE TO EXPLAIN THAT CONCEPT! OFTEN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ASK THE QUESTION: "HOW DO I PLAY WITH MY CHILD?" OR "WHAT IS MY ROLE?" THESE ARE WONDERFUL QUESTIONS FOR THOSE UNSURE OF THE DYNAMICS INVOLVED.

A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE HIGH TECH MAGAZINE, "WIRED", INTERESTINGLY LISTED THE FIVE (5) BEST TOYS OF ALL TIME:

1. STICK
2. BOX
3. STRING
4. CARDBOARD TUBE
5. DIRT
6. BALL

AREN'T YOU JUST THRILLED TO HEAR THAT AFTER ALL THOSE NEW TOYS ARE FILLING YOUR CHILD'S CLOSET! THE REASON THIS RINGS SO TRUE IS WE AS ADULTS SOMETIMES FORGET WHAT IS TRULY FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN – AND MOST BENEFICIAL!! SPONTANEOUS PLAY OCCURS WHEN CHILDREN DO AN ACTIVITY FREELY. IF CHILDREN ORGANIZE A BALL GAME, DRAMATIC PLAY, OR A GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK, THEY ARE MEETING THEIR NEEDS FOR SPONTANEOUS PLAY. SPONTANEOUS PLAY IS DIFFERENT FROM ENROLLING CHILDREN IN LITTLE LEAGUE OR SIGNING THEM UP FOR DANCE LESSONS. CHILDREN BENEFIT MOST FROM A BALANCE BETWEEN PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND SPONTANEOUS FREE PLAY.

PLAY CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE AND ENJOYABLE WAY FOR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP SKILLS:

\*LANGUAGE SKILLS - WHEN THEY PLAY NAME GAMES, SING SONGS, AND RECITE JUMP ROPE RHYMES.

\*THINKING SKILLS - WHEN THEY CONSTRUCT A BLOCK TOWER, FOLLOW DIRECTIONS TO A GAME, OR DO A PUZZLE.

\*CREATIVE SKILLS - WHEN THEY MAKE UP STORIES, PUT ON A PUPPET SHOW, AND PLAY DRESS-UP.

\*SOCIAL SKILLS - WHEN THEY TEAM UP TO PLAY BALL GAMES AND DECIDE WHO WILL PLAY WHAT PART IN DRAMATIC PLAY.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO CHILDREN'S OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY, SUCH

AS TOO MANY STRUCTURED ACTIVITIES AND TOO MUCH TELEVISION. IF A CHILD SAYS, "I'M BORED," HE/SHE MAY NEED MORE UNSTRUCTURED TIME FOR PLAY. PARENTS OFTEN HEAR CHILDREN COMPLAIN ABOUT BOREDOM WHEN ACTIVITIES ARE NOT SCHEDULED FOR THEM. CHILDREN NEED "DOWN TIME" AND TIME TO BE ALONE. THESE ARE THE OCCASIONS WHEN A CHILD'S IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY TAKE HOLD.



*"PLAY IS NOT A LUXURY BUT RATHER A CRUCIAL DYNAMIC OF HEALTHY, PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT ALL AGE LEVELS."* - DAVID ELKIND

### **DIRECTOR FROM YOUR DIRECTOR, KARLA ALCAZAR**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THESE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE COME AND GONE WAY TOO FAST. I CAN'T BELIEVE ITS 2012 ALREADY! I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THE FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN 2011. WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL THE FAMILIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS. WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE THANKSGIVING FEAST AND THE HOLIDAY PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS!

PROGRESS REPORTS WENT HOME AND TEACHER/PARENT CONFERENCES TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER. ALL FAMILIES HAD THE OPTION OF A PHONE OR IN-PERSON CONFERENCE WITH THEIR CHILD'S TEACHER. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO SIGN UP FOR A CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER OR STILL HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CALL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER ANY DAY BETWEEN 12-2PM.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR, SOME CHILDREN MOVED IN THEIR NEW CLASSROOMS! IT MAKES US SO HAPPY TO WATCH EACH CHILD GROW AND PROGRESS INTO A NEW ROOM. JANUARY IS NATIONAL SOUP MONTH. THE ANGEL'S, DINO'S, AND PRE-K WILL CELEBRATE BY MAKING THEIR OWN SOUP FOR LUNCH, YUM! WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE SOUP? SHARE WITH US YOUR FAVORITE SOUP (NAME AND RECIPE) AND BRING A PICTURE OF YOUR FAMILY COOKING AND ENJOYING THE SOUP TOGETHER. WE WILL BE MAKING A FAMILY SOUP WALL IN

OUR CENTER AND WOULD LOVE FOR EVERYONE TO BE PART OF IT. JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> IS THE BIRTHDAY OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE CHILDREN'S AUTHORS - A.A. MILNE (AUTHOR OF WINNIE THE POOH BOOKS). WE WILL CELEBRATE BY READING WINNIE THE POOH BOOKS IN ALL THE CLASSROOMS.

FEBRUARY WILL BEGIN WITH GROUNDHOG DAY. WILL THE GROUNDHOG SEE ITS SHADOW? I SURE HOPE NOT! THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS FILLED WITH MANY GREAT AND IMPORTANT DAYS! WE WILL BE CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH, PRESIDENT'S DAY, VALENTINE'S DAY, CHINESE NEW YEAR, DENTAL HEALTH MONTH AND OF COURSE THE SUPER BOWL! THE DINO'S AND PRE-K CLASSROOMS WILL GET A SPECIAL VISIT BY A LOCAL DENTIST TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING OUR TEETH CLEAN. FOR VALENTINE'S DAY THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE HAVING A "PARENT'S NIGHT OUT" ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7:00-10:00PM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN REGISTERING FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>. THE COST WILL BE \$20 FOR THE FIRST CHILD AND \$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD.

WITH THE SEASON OF WINTER COMES COLDER WEATHER AND SNOW! PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR CHILD WITH A COAT, HAT, GLOVES, ETC., AS THE CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY OUTDOORS. THIS INCLUDES THE SNUGLIES' AND KITTIES' CLASSROOMS. ON THE OCCASION THAT WE MUST HAVE A DELAYED OPENING OR CLOSE THE SCHOOL DUE TO THE WEATHER, THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THAT YOU WILL BE INFORMED. THE SCHOOL HAS A VOICEMAIL SYSTEM THAT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY UPDATED WITH THE SCHOOLS INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.PRIMETIMESCHOOLS.COM](http://WWW.PRIMETIMESCHOOLS.COM), WHICH WILL HAVE THE STATUS OF EACH PRIME TIME. YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES FOR UPDATES. IF WE NEED TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL EARLY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A PHONE CALL AND AN E-MAIL ALLOWING YOU SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS OR TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD. PLEASE MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION (E-MAIL/CELL/PHONE).

FLU SHOTS! THE DEADLINE FOR AN UPDATED FLU SHOT WAS ON DECEMBER 31, 2011. IF YOU HAVE NOT PROVIDED US WITH AN UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORD, PLEASE DO SO AT THIS TIME. THE IMMUNIZATION RECORD SHOULD SHOW PROOF THAT YOUR CHILD HAD THEIR FLU SHOT, AS WELL AS BE UP TO DATE

WITH ALL VACCINATIONS. THE STATE REQUIRES US TO EXCLUDE ALL CHILDREN WHO DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED VACCINATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE AND HEALTHY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

#### **REMINDERS**

\*PLEASE MAKE SURE THERE IS SEASONALLY APPROPRIATE CLOTHING IN YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY.

\*PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING, JACKETS, HATS, GLOVES, ETC.

\*MAKE SURE ALL IMMUNIZATIONS ARE UP TO DATE AND A COPY IS GIVEN TO THE OFFICE.

\* WE MAY GO OUTSIDE AS LONG AS WEATHER IS ABOVE 35 DEGREES AND THE GROUND IS CLEAR OF SNOW. OUR POLICY IS IF YOUR CHILD IS WELL ENOUGH TO COME TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH TO GO OUTSIDE.

\*PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE MONTH AND ARE LATE AFTER THE 5<sup>TH</sup>. YOU WILL RECEIVE A LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER THE 5<sup>TH</sup>.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"AMAZON MOM" IS A FREE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM TO HELP PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM INFANTS THROUGH TODDLERS. YOU CAN SAVE 30% ON SUPPLIES LIKE DIAPERS AND WIPES AND GET IT DELIVERED TO YOU. TO JOIN, SIMPLY SIGN INTO YOUR AMAZON ACCOUNT, OR CREATE ONE AT NO COST, AND FILL OUT WHETHER YOU ARE A MOM, DAD, OR OTHER CAREGIVER OF A CHILD. BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FAMILY, THE PROGRAM CAN PERSONALIZE OFFERS, E-MAILS, AND PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP YOU FIND EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED.

#### **SNEAK-A-PEEK**

IN NOVEMBER THE PRE-K CLASS MADE BUTTER! THE CHILDREN HAD A GREAT TIME TAKING THE STEPS TO MAKE THEIR OWN BUTTER. MISS JENNIFER, MISS LAUREN, AND MISS TERRI TAUGHT THE CHILDREN THE PROCESS BY "MILKING A COW", SHAKING THE INGREDIENTS TOGETHER IN A TIGHTLY CLOSED CONTAINER, AND WAITING WHILE IT TURNED TO BUTTER. THE CHILDREN NOT ONLY MADE THE BUTTER, BUT WERE ABLE TO ENJOY EATING IT AT THE THANKSGIVING FEAST!

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*Children's Birthdays*



*January*

*Tom G. 1/6*

*Alanna C. 1/10*

*February*

*Emma K. 2/7*

*Christopher S. 2/28*

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**STAFF BIRTHDAY'S**



**JANUARY**

**MISS STEPHAINE 1/29**

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**WELCOME NEW CHILDREN**



**DANIEL-KITTIES  
AIDEN-KITTIES  
JUSTIN- PUPPIES  
HALO-PUPPIES  
CHLOE- PUPPIES**

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**JANUARY- NATIONAL SOUP MONTH**

- 1/1- HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2011
- 1/2- SCHOOL CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 1/11- FURY ANIMAL DAY
- 1/16- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
- 1/18- AUTHOR, A.A. MILNE'S BIRTHDAY
- 1/23- CHINESE NEW YEAR
- 1/29- NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

**FEBRUARY- BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

- 2/2- GROUNDHOG DAY
- 2/6- FOOTBALL JERSEY DAY
- 2/10- PARENT NIGHT OUT (7-10PM)
- 2/12- LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
- 2/14- VALENTINE'S DAY- WEAR RED
- 2/20- PRESIDENTS' DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2/22- WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

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Enfamil recall: As most of you may have heard, Wal-Mart pulled Enfamil from their shelves following the death of an infant in Missouri. They are still investigating whether or not the water used in the preparation of the formula was a factor in this recall. However, below is a section on recalls that Prime Time includes in every newsletter. We do this to protect the children in our care as well as inform our parents. You may also follow the link below to read about this recall from the American Academy of Pediatrics. Ctrl click to follow link.

<http://www.aap.org/en-us/Pages/Default.aspx?nfstatus=401&nftoken=00000000-0000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&nfstatusdescription=ERROR%3a+No+local+token>



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**PRODUCT RECALL WEBSITES**

**IT SEEMS THAT EVERY DAY WE HEAR OF A NEW BABY ITEM OR FOOD ITEM BEING RECALLED! WE HOPE THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES WILL HELP PARENTS KEEP TRACK OF RECALLED PRODUCTS. YOU CAN EVEN HAVE RECALLS SENT TO YOUR CELL PHONE OR EMAIL.**

**\*CLICKCHECKANDPROTECT.ORG (CONSUMER REPORTS)**

\*CPSC.GOV (CONSUMER PRODUCTS SAFETY COMMISSION)

\*T SAFEPRODUCTS.GOV

\*TEXT ALERTS – TEXT THE WORD “SAFE” TO 76666

WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THESE WEBSITES HELPFUL.



ADVANTAGE OF THE CREDIT. IF YOU CAN DROP SOME OF OUR BROCHURES TO YOUR HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME. WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE PARENT TESTIMONIALS IN OUR BROCHURES AND ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO DROP ONE OFF IN THE OFFICE OR YOU CAN EMAIL IT DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. WE ARE ALSO GATHERING LETTERS OF PRAISE FOR OUR STAFF AND/OR PROGRAM TO SHARE WITH POTENTIAL PARENTS. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL KIND WORDS. THESE LETTERS ARE ALSO PUT INTO PERSONAL EMPLOYEE FILES. THANK YOU.

**PARENT REFERRAL!!!!**

OUR GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO PROVIDE QUALITY CARE AND A “HOME AWAY FROM HOME” ATMOSPHERE FOR CHILDREN. WE KNOW THAT LEAVING YOUR CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF OTHERS IS A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION, AND WE HOPE THAT WE HAVE MADE IT EASIER FOR YOU. OUR FAMILIES ARE OUR BIGGEST ADVOCATES AND ADVERTISERS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE IN NEED OF A QUALITY EARLY LEARNING CENTER, PLEASE TELL THEM ABOUT PRIME TIME. THEY ARE WELCOME TO VISIT ANYTIME BETWEEN 9:00AM-5:00PM, NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY. IF ONE OF YOUR REFERRALS REGISTERS AND REMAINS IN THE PROGRAM FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS, YOU WILL RECEIVE A REFERRAL CREDIT; IT’S OUR WAY OF SAYING “THANKS.” BE SURE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU REFER SOMEONE SO YOU CAN TAKE

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING OUR SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE. IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD! EACH SCHOOL IS PLANNING A FUN AND AFFORDABLE SUMMER CAMP WHILE KEEPING IT EXCITING AND FUN! WE HAVE SOME NEW FIELD TRIPS PLANNED ALONG WITH SOME PROVEN FAVORITES. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR INTEREST IN STAYING WITH PRIME TIME OVER THE SUMMER.

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO PROVIDE US WITH YOUR FEEDBACK TO HELP US BETTER MEET YOUR NEEDS. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, YOU MAY E-MAIL US AT [PT1SCH@AOL.COM](mailto:PT1SCH@AOL.COM), FAX US AT (201) 236-2966, OR YOU MAY GET A STAMPED ENVELOPE IN THE OFFICE. WE APPRECIATE THE TIME TAKEN. THANK YOU!

**OPTIONAL: SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARS AT PRIME TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD’S GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGARDING OUR PROGRAM:**

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO US AND WHY DID YOU STAY?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN OUR SUMMER CAMP AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS?** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT OUR POLICIES?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT OUR FIELD TRIPS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOW MAY WE IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL/CLASS NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER FORMS OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMUNICATION?**

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**STAFF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH AND CLEANLINESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUGGESTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLAUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_