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February - March 2010

Dear Bell Families:

It has been a very eventful two months here at Bell. The students have been working very hard. Over 100 of our students are attending After School Enrichment Classes, learning Spanish, cooking, writing electronically, sewing, exercise, or musical theater. We are very proud of our children's hard work and fine achievement.

Our second session of After School Enrichment will be for Grades 3-5 and will run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from March 23 to April 21. We will concentrate on ELA and Math skills taught in interesting ways to enhance your child's understanding, and to increase their achievement on the NYS tests in April and May. Last year, we had over 80% of our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders attend. Please encourage your child to stay for this class. Transportation will be provided for those who need it. A flyer will be coming home shortly.

Soon it will be time for our annual Poetry Recitations. This is a time when we practice the important skills of reciting in front of an audience, and celebrate the many fine works of poetry that help our children learn the magic of words. We hope you can join us at our evening performances on March 16th and 18th at 6:30pm.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Bell community! Please call me if I can help you in any way. Updated calendars for February and March are attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

Frances M. Kennedy
Principal

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Please turn over for an important message.

I need each of you to help us to have a safe and timely dismissal for all of our children. We have some new people in the office writing bus passes, and doing sign outs after school and after Enrichment. They do not know all of the students and parents. All bus passes are written and placed in teachers mailboxes by 11:15am.

In order to change bus arrangements or parent pick up arrangements, it is more important than ever that we follow our usual rules:

- **We must have a note signed by the parent or guardian. Phone calls are not a safe way to change your child's arrangements.**
- For a change in bus arrangements, you must give the child's first and last name, and please note the complete address is very important, even if it is home, so that we can provide the bus number and position for the bus drivers or substitute drivers.
- We do have a number of children who go to different destinations throughout the week, in this case please send in a note at the beginning of every week listing where your child will exit the bus each day that week. It is then our intention to write all bus passes for the week in advance.
- For the safety of the children, the person picking them up may be asked to show proof of identity.
- If you have an emergency, and need to call the school to make a change of travel arrangements, the office may have to call you back to verify your identity.
- After 2:30pm we will be unable to make any travel changes.
- We do not accept e-mails or faxes to change bus or pick up arrangements.