

June 2009

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This summer, we are requiring our students who will be in grades seven and eight in 2009-2010 to participate in our summer reading program by reading at least one book and obtaining a parent /guardian signature indicating that they have done so. Students may select any book that meets parent/guardian approval. Suggestions of book titles may be found on our school's website under the *Summer Reading* section where there are several links to book lists. Books may be borrowed from the Baltimore County libraries or purchased at local bookstores.

On the reverse side of this letter we have provided a Strive for Twenty-Five record list where students should record the title and the author of the one book that they chose to read for their summer reading requirement. *It is the first box only on the record sheet.* A parent or guardian should then sign on the appropriate line. The title and signature will be checked by the Language Arts teachers and will be due by October 1, 2009. Students may record other books that they read over the summer as well.

Please also encourage your child to register at the Baltimore County Public Library for the BCPL summer reading program. The official program begins on June 15th and ends on August 15th. This summer, the public library is enabling students to log their activities online. Your son or daughter may have completed the initial online registration with our librarian, Mrs. Caldwell, but registration is not complete until he or she picks up a summer reading packet at any branch location starting on June 15th. Students can transfer the title(s) of any book(s) from their BCPL logs to their Strive for Twenty-Five reading logs for school credit.

We hope that your son or daughter will enjoy at least one good book this summer.

Sincerely,

Allen Zink, Principal