

Dear Armatage Families,

Happy spring! It is so exciting to look at the weather forecast and see 70's and 80's predicted for the entire week. Spring has truly sprung!

### **New Construction**

The construction crew has been working vehemently to reach my goal of having the new addition open for business in time for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders to enjoy it for a bit. Thus, Thursday, May 24th the new entrance into the building will be open for business. It is unbelievably fantastic! I walk through the new addition many times a day and cannot believe it has actually here. Visitors will need to enter the vestibule and ring the buzzer that is located to the right of the door entering the office. This will allow you to gain entrance into the office, sign in and then have access to the new addition. IT IS SO EXCITING!!! Door #2 will no longer be an entrance in the mornings beginning Thursday, please use the new entrance.

### **Lunch for the Next Three Weeks**

As part of the new addition, we have added a beautiful lunchroom that is also located in the main lobby. The good news is the kids will get to use it the last three weeks of school. However, the kitchen in the new lunchroom requires massive training of personnel on how to use the new equipment, therefore, hot breakfast and lunches will not be offered. The Nutrition Center will be providing picnic lunches Monday - Thursdays and Domino pizza on Fridays beginning May 21<sup>st</sup> and will continue to do so for the last three weeks of school. The reason for the transition next Monday is construction of the new art and music rooms will begin taking place which means we have to vacate the current lunchroom. It is quite a balancing act that requires flexibility and teamwork to make this all happen.

### **Minneapolis Kids**

Minneapolis Kids will be moving to the new addition starting Monday, May 21st. Families will have to use the new front entrance of the building to pick up students.

### **Field Day**

Next Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> is Field Day. Our students' look forward to this day all year long. For those of you new to Armatage, Field Day is organized through our physical education department under the leadership of Mike Leach and Daniel Polland. All grade levels go outside and participate in a plethora of activities that are engaging and fun. The all school parade will begin at 8:00 a.m. outside our new main entrance and will wrap around the front of the building and south on Sheridan and then east on 57<sup>th</sup> to the skateboard park. All friends and family are welcome to cheer the kids on as they walk in the parade and participate in the events. Your child's teacher will let you know what time they will be outside for field day.

We are so excited about the wonderful things taking place, I hope you can visit the school and see the new addition. We will do an official ribbon cutting next fall when everything is completed.

Have a wonderful last few weeks of school!

Sincerely,

Joan Franks, Principal