

# Seward Elementary School



## Parent Newsletter

September 2009

September 2--Individual School Picture Day

September 7--No School, Labor Day

September 21--No School, Professional Development Day

September 22--RUNZA fundraiser

September 27--PTO Fun Fair

September 28--PTO Meeting at 7 p.m.

### *Lines from the Principal...*



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! Seward Elementary is off to a great start --- again! We have many new faces (students and staff) in our school. I want to

personally welcome their families to our school district and community. If at any time you have questions and/or concerns, please stop by to see me or give me a call. E-mail is another option that you might want to use. My e-mail address is [ana.daws@connectseward.org](mailto:ana.daws@connectseward.org).

Every year, our school chooses a theme to support and promote our learning. This year's theme is 'Soar In To Learning'. Because of that, you might notice many different objects or characters that 'take to the air' displayed

throughout the building. Any time we can connect a fun theme to our instruction and learning, it strengthens both of those areas! We want our students to be successful learners and have fun at the same time!

As always, the Seward Elementary teachers will be implementing effective instructional strategies within their classrooms. They will also continue to meet as grade level and special area 'learning teams' to further strengthen their instruction by reading and studying about the importance of vocabulary introduction and instruction. Finally, the 'Behavior Basics' will continue to be implemented within our building. These 'basics' are common sense expectations and promote a very positive school-wide discipline plan.

I know that many of you were able to attend the Open House and the grade level parent meetings! It was great to see all of you and to have time to visit. Please remember that it is important for us to be 'partners in education'. There isn't a better partnership!

I guess that's all for this time. It's great to be back in school! See you soon!

*Lana Daws*

## **New Staff Members**

As I mentioned earlier, there are some new faces in our school this year. We welcome the following individuals to Seward Elementary!

### **Teachers:**

Jocelyn Gray --- Title I Reading

Carly Weisgerber --- Special Education

### **Paraprofessionals:**

Kendra Marker

Anna Hiser

Judy Rowjeski

## **Musical Programs**

Once again, the Seward Elementary students will present wonderful musical programs under the direction of Mr. Adam Janda. Here are the dates for this school year. Mark your calendars!

**November 19 --- Grade 3**

**December 17 --- Grade 1**

**February 11 --- Kindergarten**

**April 8 --- Grade 2**

**May 11 --- Grade 4**

All musicals are presented at the high school theater and begin at 7 p.m.