

## **K/PEPP UPDATE** *(March 20, 2009)*

MRES was one of the few sites in our District that did not have ample facility space this year to house any full day K classes. This occurred on our campus due to very large enrollment. That said, we are planning on implementing full day kindergarten next year. However, this will happen to the extent possible based on the space we have available on our site.

I realize that all of us would like to have clarity on how this will play out next year. I am working extremely hard to provide as much information as possible to our community, but as of yet there are still few details. We will, however, not be able to extend any definitive information as to what this will look like until we have a better gauge on student enrollment. This will occur some time after K registration.

Here is what we know and are doing at present:

- We will be hosting a K parent meeting on Thursday, May 7 from 6:00-7:00 PM to provide an opportunity to answer parent questions, share info about our school and meet the K/PEPP team;
- Registration for Kindergarten and PEPP will begin on **Wednesday, May 13**. It will take place from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.; Registration will continue each day thereafter in the office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.;
- PEPP registration will be on a first come first serve basis;
- I will continue to update parents and our community about K and PEPP via the weekly Monarch (e)Mail. Each Monarch (e)Mail is also archived on our website so parents can check back to review them. I have provided an update each of the last two weeks;
- We have a link on the front of our school website with updated info about K/PEPP registration and information. We update this often so please check it frequently;
- PEPP will continue to be a half day program;
- Full day K will have a phase-in period. During the first three weeks of the 2009-2010 school year, Kindergartners will begin the day at the same time as students in grades 1-5, but will end after eating lunch. After that, they will attend full day; and
- We will have a better sense of our projections and enrollments once K registration takes place.

I know that is hard to wait until we have all the answers, and I also realize that we are all very anxious to get this figured out and clarified. I, especially, want to get this all worked out so that we can plan appropriately. I hope this information helps provide some clarity for the moment. Once we have more definitive details I will share them