



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Beecher Road Families,

The school year has gotten off to a great start. One of the highlights was last night's Ice Cream Social. What a fabulous event! A record number of families were in attendance. Children were laughing, singing, playing, dancing, and some of the younger children even cried when they had to go home. It was wonderful to see people interacting in such a positive way and on such a large scale. I was impressed by the way new families to the school were welcomed and quickly helped to be part of the group. I was also impressed by the large number of teachers, staff members and administrators who volunteered to help. One of the highlights of the evening was the ceremonial walk around the *Kucinskas Loop* led by our new Principal, Mrs. Prisco. We extend our thanks to the PTO including President, Brie Pfannenbecker and Event Chair, Tim Kelly, for organizing such a successful community event. How proud I was!

One problem arose last night that we must address. With more cars than legal parking spots in the North parking lot, some cars were parked in the fire lane. This presented a safety hazard and by order of the Fire Marshall cars were ticketed. His decision was based on public safety. If emergency vehicles are not able to get through the fire lane, this would be a serious threat to our community. Please do not park in the fire lanes. As a point of information, there were many legal parking spots in the South parking lot. Since safety is one of our highest priorities, we will address the issue of parking when there are large BRS gatherings. You can look forward to a future *Superintendent's Parent Update* that will offer a solution to this challenge. In the meantime, I encourage you to use the South parking lot when possible.

In spite of the parking problem, I am excited by the positive energy that emanated from last night's gathering. We are off to great start!

Sincerely,

Guy Stella, Ph.D.
Superintendent