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A Comer School
Lucia Paolella, Principal

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! In my four years as principal, I have had the opportunity to develop some wonderful relationships with students and their families. I am looking forward to getting to know even more of you in the coming months. I would be delighted to see a great deal of active involvement by parents in the many enjoyable events and learning celebrations throughout the school year. Parents' involvement in the learning process and your children's hard work is our recipe for academic success. You make the difference for your children. I encourage you to mark your calendars for evening and daytime events; our social events are also intended to support your children's learning.

As a community, we have embraced the Comer School Development Plan and the process has been a positive and productive experience for teachers, parents, and children. The Comer philosophy places the child at the center of the learning process. Dr. Comer, although nationally known, has visited us several times and is very impressed with your children and their knowledge and application of his Six Developmental Pathways. Our attention to each child as individual learners certainly has affected our ability to promote student success in relation to the many aspects of the curriculum and social development; our scores have increased and our incidents of problematic behaviors have decreased. We have captured the attention of Senator Blumenthal and officials from other states who became interested in the successes of our Comer School implementation. Thanks for your support with the process.

I want to remind you that Orientation is mandatory for all 5-8 parents and students and is highly recommended for all k-4 Nathan Hale students and their parents . During orientation we will review the school handbook, and you will receive a packet of information and forms that you will need to fill out for the district and for our main office. Please remember to sign in when you receive your packet. **Let's look forward to another wonderful and productive school year!**

Sincerely yours,

Lucia Paolella

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