

Good Counsel Academy Elementary School
52 North Broadway
White Plains, NY 10603

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Reflecting back on the 2009-2010 school year, Good Counsel Academy Elementary School's 95th anniversary, generates a significant amount of pride. That pride is interwoven with gratitude and hope.

As an administrator and educator for a number of years, I am most aware of the power of many people joined together towards one goal. The faculty at GCA are a great group of energetic, creative and dedicated individuals joined by a bond of trust in each other and care for the children. It is true that "it takes a village" and it is true that the collaboration of parents and teachers has made our school a great place in which your children are guided on the path of learning and accountability. That is truly a cause for gratitude.

Noteworthy successes this year begin and end with the children. With the empowerment of the caring adults surrounding them, students have succeeded at academics, athletics, cultural arts and the acquisition of a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility. Graduates have returned from college and the business world to thank us and assure us that what we begin on the elementary level has put them on the road to responsible adulthood. That is truly cause for pride and gratitude. It begins and ends with the children.

Looking ahead to the 2010-2011 year, I envision an on-going growth in our programs, both academic and extra-curricular. Plans for a school play are already underway and try-outs are on the calendar for early fall. A new hot lunch program will be offered when school opens and the advancement of our After School clubs will be announced.

Development efforts by our 2010 Board of Trustees working with our Advancement Officer and faculty will be announced as we move ahead. The calendar of events planned by the parent organization and faculty should keep our school busy, energized and in the forefront of character building, education of the whole child and community bonding; all signs of hope for the future.

May the summer break enrich each of you, give you some additional precious time with your family and bless you with all the gifts God has waiting for you.

Be safe! Be well!

Sincerely,



Sr. Clare