

December 22, 2011



Dear Cranford Staff, Parents, Students and Residents,

During this holiday season, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with a Brookside Place School update recognizing that, of all the gift-giving that will take place this year, the re-building of Brookside Place School is certainly one of the best gifts we could hope for.

I am sure many of you have noted the restoration of electrical power as evidenced by our lit up classrooms displaying our new interior paint – in pale yellow and blue. Our classroom wall and ceiling work is being completed. The installation of classroom ceiling lighting continues to work its way throughout the entire school.

The electric has been reconnected in the All-Purpose Room and the gym floor has been installed. The final line and logo painting and finishing will take place in January.

Our heating units have arrived and the installation process is scheduled to begin this week. The new boiler work is also underway and we are looking forward to heat early to mid January.

Classroom floor tiles will be installed, room by room, following the installation of the individual heating units.

Work to the main and nurse's office is also set to begin.

Our painters are "touching up" the hallway and library murals keeping a special part of the Brookside Place School history in-tact.

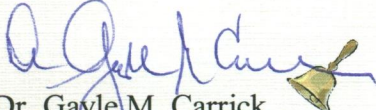
If all work continues as planned, we will be returning to Brookside in February.

American Technologies Incorporated, the California-based, full-service recovery service that was on-site September and October, will be returning to assist with the setting up of classrooms by removing all of the items stored in the trailers and placing them in their appropriate locations. Plans are being developed to provide Brookside Place School teachers with opportunities to move back into their classrooms without interrupting day-to-day instruction for our students. As you might imagine, this will be a bit tricky but Cranford Schools will continue to work as a united team to respond to this final challenge.

We can look to the new year with excitement knowing that our children will complete their current school experiences under the care and supervision of a community that worked together under the most difficult of circumstances and were better for it.

To those families who have still not returned to their homes, please know that the prayers of a community remain with you all and know that we all stand ready and willing to help out if you need us.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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