



Dear New City Community,

In our daily work at New City school, we strive to maintain an objective mindset. In other words, our staff is open to listening and learning from everyone. To that end, I assure you that **your children are our source of excellence.** We keep our minds open and objective so that we can learn from them every day. Excellence, objectivity, and learning were all evident as I listened to the exchange of academic and social goals for your children that were shared at our goal setting conferences. Also, our recent Minnesota Comprehensive Testing results attest to our shared excellence. In reading and math, New City School is making the necessary *adequate progress* as defined by our state. Congratulations!

Thank you to all families for coming to various school events like the Welcome Back Potluck, Curriculum Night, Goal Setting Conferences, Parent Circle meetings, field trips, and all school morning meetings. Thank you to our parent group for planning many of these events and organizing "Feed Good Food" for our staff during goal setting conferences.

*Please see page 2 for information about our expansion and the move of middle school to our East Campus.*

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jit

## New City School 2014 Calendar

### October

22,23 Picture Days  
24 Make up picture day  
28 Board Meeting, 5 pm  
30 Fall Festival  
31 Staff Development, no school

The **Fall Festival** is a whole school celebration on Thursday, October 30. The festival lasts for about an hour, and it takes place in the afternoon. The New City Circle (our parent organization) organizes fun events for the kids—games, crafts, snacks, etc. For the festival, we **don't** wear costumes.

### November

24-25 Conferences to review report cards, before and after school  
26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday, no school

### December

22 Winter Break begins

### **Open House**

Please pass on these dates for people interested in knowing more about New City.

Time: 5:00-6:30 pm

Dates: November 4, December 2, January 13, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5

All open house dates are Tuesdays.

**Observational drawing of a dragonfly by Isaiah Benti-Novotny, 4<sup>th</sup> grade**



## Expansion Update and Details about East Campus

- **October 30 and 31:** Middle school supplies, materials, and furniture move to our East Campus.
- **November 3:** Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders move to our East Campus and start classes at that location.
- **Location of East Campus:** 1500 6<sup>th</sup> St NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55413. Our main doors will be located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **East Campus School phone number:** 612-623-3309 (same as current phone number). Internal phone relay lines are being established to communicate between the East and Main campuses.
- **Staff working on East Campus:** Ms. Ana, Ms. Kate, Ms. Gia, Ms. Angie, Ms. Caroline, Ms. Lauren, Mr. Blake, Mr. David (Music), and Mr. Todd. Ms. Christine will work on both campuses.
- **Bussing:** All our buses will drop all our students off on Main Campus, and each day a pre-determined bus will bring our 38 middle students to East Campus. In the evening of each day, a pre-determined bus will shuttle our 38 students back to Main Campus--where they will take their respective buses home. This routine of one bus making an additional stop saves us all money and pollution.
- **Drop off and Pick Up:** If your student gets picked up or dropped off, you may do so at the entrance located at 5<sup>th</sup> St NE. Please observe the same guidelines of dropping your children off at 10:00 am and picking them up at 4:45 pm. If you are dropping off your student later than 10:00 am or picking up prior to 4:45 pm, please buzz for access to our learning space.

## Take a Break: A Strategy to Regain Self-control

We know that our students will make mistakes as mistakes lead to learning. We believe that New City kids have to make both academic and social mistakes in order to become smarter and more responsible citizens. However, making a mistake is not an easy thing to do. People don't like to mess up—especially in public. We know kids will make mistakes in front of their peers, and we want to help them recover and grow from that mistake with dignity.

As we teach kids about making mistakes, we show them how to **Take a Break (TAB)**. All students at New City know how to do TAB, and hopefully all students have been asked to go to TAB. Students take breaks for small lapses of self-control—talking to a neighbor, blurting, running in the hall, not responding to the signal for quiet, etc. When asked to take a break, a student quietly leaves his/her spot in circle or at his/her table. He/she moves to the TAB spot and sits there for 1-2 minutes to regain self-control.

**We hope to help children correct their behaviors when the mistakes are small—before a situation escalates.**

If you have questions or concerns about TAB, please talk with your child's teacher or Mr. Jit.