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Building Bridges to the Future

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Riverview Program for the Academically Talented (PAT) at Carnation Elementary School. We are excited to have your child and you a part of our school family. Whether you are new to our school or continuing at Carnation in a new program we look forward to welcoming you and your family into what we like to call our "school family." We hope that you will find a way to get connected and involved at Carnation Elementary. There are many ways to get involved and we welcome our parents as partners in the work of educating our children.

I look forward to meeting you at our regular PAT Parent Council Meetings or at one of the PAT Social events planned throughout the school year. In September we will be mailing out an updated calendar listing those meetings and special events. The ***PAT Advisory Council Meetings are held at Carnation Elementary School***, in the school library.

Another positive change that occurred for our program last year involves the transportation of our PAT Self-Contained students at Carnation Elementary. Tom Bishop, the new RSD Transportation Supervisor, has worked really hard to provide additional transportation for our PAT students this year so that they no longer will have to come to school late and leave early. These students will be on the same schedule as our other Carnation Elementary Students, which in turn, provides the bus riders with about 35-40 additional minutes of learning time each day. Please check with the district's transportation office (425) 844-4540 or on the district website for specific bus route information for your child.

If you need to contact me regarding the PAT Program you may reach me at my Carnation Elementary School Office by calling (425) 844-4553 or to set up an appointment feel free to call my administrative assistant Joyce Trowbridge at (425) 844-4551. The PAT Program Assistant, Mary Jacobson, who is located at Carnation Elementary School Office as well and she will be working on Wednesdays. You may leave Mary a voice mail at (425) 844-4529, on her direct line on other days of the week and she will return your call as soon as possible. In addition, please send any US Mail to the Carnation Elementary School address, in care of the Riverview PAT Program @ 4950 Tolt Ave. Carnation, WA 98014.

Here's to a great school year of learning and collaboration. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Doug L. Poage
Principal & Director of PAT Program