

# Three Lakes Educational Cooperative Interlocal # 620

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Dear Staff,

Welcome back to the 2011-2012 school year. As usual, the summer has gone by much too quickly. I sure didn't get everything done I planned to. However, I did manage to take a few days vacation. I hope you all took some time to rest, reflect on last school year, begin planning for next school year, and research new resources to use in your classrooms.

The coming school year will give us continued and new opportunities to collaborate with parents, school staff, and support agencies to create exceptional educational programs for students who receive special education services in our districts. As we work to build relationships with different stakeholders, this leads to effective teaming. Meeting the needs of our students requires ownership from all stakeholders – parents, regular education staff, special education staff, and different support agencies. Effective teaming is a strength of Three Lakes and a cornerstone of our philosophy. Because of our effective teaming practices, Three Lakes continues to be innovative as appropriate educational programs are created for our students.

As we make plans to return to school, here are important dates to remember:

**Certified Staff:**

August 8 – New Staff Orientation @ TLEC Office

August 9 – Certified Staff Inservice @ Osage City Schools

August 10 – 12 – WebKIDSS Training @ TLEC Annex

\*\*There are other trainings offered. Please check the enclosed August schedule.

**Paraeducator Staff:**

Aug. 10 – Paraeducator Conference @ Holiday Inn Holidome in Topeka

In closing, I look forward to serving as your director of special education for the 2011-2012 school year. We will continue to work together to create a school environment for all students to have a positive, successful educational experience.

Sincerely,



Kathy Mickelson, EdD

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