

December 7, 2011

Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Salem Public Schools and Salem Community believe that **every child in Salem can achieve at high levels**. We are committed to creating schools where best instructional practices are consistently implemented to promote increased student growth and achievement.

Beginning in January 2012, Salem Public Schools will be offering **free** afterschool skill building enrichment for any students who are interested in improving their literacy and mathematics skills. The afterschool classes are open to all students. The classes will be offered according to the schedule outlined below:

Literacy: two times per week for 75 minutes each session between January and March for a total of 2.5 hours per week

Mathematics: two times per week between for 75 minutes each session between January and April for a total of 2.5 hours per week.

Classes will be facilitated by teachers with expertise in the areas of literacy, mathematics, English language learning and special education. In addition, there will be tutors and volunteers who are invested in increasing student achievement. Curriculum used in the sessions will be developed by the Literacy/Title I Director, Mathematics Director, ELL Director, Coordinator of Specialized Instruction and colleagues who wish to engage in the development of this work.

Information about the sessions:

1. Classes will utilize small group instruction
2. Classes will be student centered and use motivation and self-efficacy to bring about improvement in academic performance.
3. Transportation will be provided by Salem Public Schools

Please discuss this wonderful opportunity with your child. If you are interested in registering your child for either program (Literacy OR Mathematics), please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

Name of Student: _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

School: _____

Program (circle one): Literacy Mathematics

Does your child need transportation? (circle one): Yes No

Signature: _____

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have discussed the importance of this opportunity with my child.

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2011