



March 6, 2008

Dear NBS Parents,

We are very excited to officially kick-off our **SMART Start** Campaign! The purpose of this undertaking is to raise additional PTO funds to purchase 10 SMARTBoards for the remaining teaching classrooms and library. In the past, we have traditionally sponsored the Adult Social as our every-other-year, major fundraiser. It has been hugely successful due to the cooperation and hard work between parents, teachers and the extended NBS community. We view this **SMART Start** effort as unique with very specific timing and goals.

The NBS classroom experience that our teachers and SMARTBoards have created is innovative, effective and makes learning fun...every day! Throughout this campaign, we hope to provide you with multiple opportunities to see and experience the SMARTBoards in action. The **SMART Start Expo and Ice Cream Social** scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. promises to be loads of fun for the whole family. You'll be able to see the NBS staff transform the school into an educational adventure park complete with FREE Culver's custard!

Each SMARTBoard costs approximately \$5,000 including installation so our total goal is to raise \$50,000 with this campaign. All donations generated from this drive will be used exclusively to purchase these progressive tools. NBS-PTO has 501-C3 tax exempt status (EIN E9973-4052-04). If you choose to make a donation, please apply for employee matching funds that can double or triple your donation in some instances. We welcome donations from businesses, grandparents and neighbors too! For any \$5,000 donor, we will hang a plaque in the classroom in recognition for their generous contribution. All check donations should be made payable to "NBS-PTO SMART Start." You can also donate online at www.nbspto.lumatila.com.

Again, please accept our deepest gratitude for your continued support of North Barrington School. It's our NBS family that helps us remain one of the top schools in the Chicago suburbs. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to call Annette Budzak (PTO Treasurer – 847.713.2427, annettebudzak@comcast.net), Mary Magro (PTO President – 847.487.7601, mrymags@yahoo.com) or Dr. Cross (Principal – 847.381.4340, dcross@cusd220.org).

Sincerely,

North Barrington School – Parent Teacher Organization