

September, 2005

Dear Middle School Parents,

The students at Jericho Middle School are well aware that the Main Office has many heart decorations. The hearts symbolize that at Jericho Middle School *we not only educate the mind but also the heart*. Jericho Middle School has designed Social and Emotional Literacy (SEL) Programs that allow us to *educate the heart* and ensure that all students will be successful in school as well as in life.

When students attended elementary school, we wanted them to be reading literate and computer literate. At the middle school we also need them to be Social and Emotionally Literate (SEL). As a result, this year we will work on the monthly themes that will allow us to strengthen our sense of community and understand the values and attitudes that will allow us to bring SEL to the highest level of development. In order to do this, all members of our school community, administrators, teachers, tutors, teachers' aides, parents, students, secretaries, and custodians will join together in order to make this initiative a success! During the month of September we will focus on strengthening our sense of community.

I look forward to working with our parent community to create a strong home-school connection that will allow us to give our children "*The Greatest Gifts of All Time*." There will be a series of Principal's Coffee Hours that will strengthen our efforts in providing all students with an SEL environment that will allow them to flourish. **By Believing in the Rights And Values of Everyone (BRAVE), we can all make a difference.**

Please join me for . . .

**A Special SEL Presentation
at:
The Principal's Coffee Hour
Tuesday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.
Middle School Library**

"Giving Our Children The Greatest Gifts of All Time"

**Please call to RSVP:
203-3620**

