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Hello Everyone,

The rush of a new year is underway and I hope everyone will be off to a great start.

A quick thanks to Terry Allan, Christina Fasciana and Melissa Morrill for joining me on the 2008 - 2009 board of VASE. They have taken on the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and Member at Large; respectively.

On September 11th, during Open House, VASE will hold School Council elections. We need one more parent member to join Dr. Steve Mendes and Jay Pateakos who are in the second year of their 2-year commitment. Please see the reverse side of this letter for more information on school council. Interested candidates must contact VASE by **September 2nd**.

School Council also needs a community member. If you know of anyone who might be interested in filling this position please have them contact Principal Fava.

This year, VASE will be hosting a Wine Tasting/Silent Auction in lieu of our traditional catalog fundraisers. We are very excited to try something new and are looking forward to a fun and successful evening. Although we don't have the exact date, we are planning to hold it in November. This is our main fundraiser so we hope everyone will be able to contribute in some way to make this event a success. Stay tuned for more information!

The phone book form has been sent home with all students. This year we will include emails. As noted on the form, whether or not you want to be included in the phone book, **please submit one form per family**. Your information is very useful when creating our distribution lists. We will only publish your information if you check the appropriate boxes and sign the form. If you would like to help create the phone book please contact the VASE office. We need volunteers to verify the data and create the final product.

We are going to continue using PTO Manager and the 2 Hour Pledge program. PTO Manager helps us keep track of volunteers' information, interests and hours volunteered. And the pledge program reminds us how much two hours can mean to a volunteer organization if everyone agrees to participate. A separate letter is being sent home with information on both programs.

We would like to have two VASE Parents for each homeroom. Your role as a VASE Parent will be to assist your homeroom teacher as well as be VASE's liaison to your classroom. This does not mean you have to do all the work but rather communicate with your fellow parents as needed.

We are still looking for **one more** VASE Parent for the following teachers: Julie Bangs, Marti Medeiros, Tricia Duane, Kathy Dunham, Corinne Villa, Sarah Goerges, Sandi Rosen, Cathy Furtado, Karen Jacobsen, Nicole Radke and Bill Roseman. And, **two** VASE Parents for Barbara Moody, Joann Vierkant, Janice Proc and Erin Furfey. If interested, please contact the VASE office.

Don't forget to bookmark VASE's page on the school's website where you can find information on upcoming events and download flyers and meeting minutes.

Our first VASE meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st. Please join us to see what we have planned and share your ideas.

Thanks and I hope everyone has a great school year,
Rania Lavranos
(V.A.S.E. President)