

**Parents of Fifth Graders for the 2008-09 School Year:**

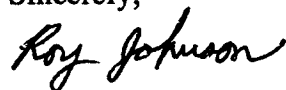
**As many of you already know, your son or daughter will be attending the Robert J. Elkington Middle School as a fifth grader. We are excited about the new challenge; we know we will be able to provide more opportunities for the fifth graders by having them together.**

**As a staff, we have been meeting and planning to make this transition as successful as possible. Therefore, the following is an update for you:**

- **Basically, the classrooms will be self-contained as they are in the elementary schools. However, some classrooms will do one-class switches as are currently being done in some of the elementary schools. We feel students need connections with one central teacher; this configuration provides that needed connection.**
- **Teacher requests will not be honored. If you feel your child has a particular learning style, call Mr. Johnson at 327-5807.**
- **We are in the early stages of planning a visitation for parents in late August. Details will be sent to you as soon as possible on the August visitation.**
- **Students from the various elementary schools will be combined. A typical classroom roster could easily show students from all of the four elementary schools.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 327-5807.**

**Sincerely,**



**Roy Johnson**