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Dear Parent,

In the upcoming months we will begin to think about and plan student placement for the 2009-2010 school year. This is a very involved process. One piece of the process is to solicit information from parents about their child. We encourage parents to draft a letter to the administration describing their child's learning style and the best classroom environment for their child. Please also include any issues or concerns you feel we should keep in mind when we place your child. While we value your input as a parent, requests for specific teachers will not be honored.

Beginning in mid May, teachers will provide the administration with information about each of their students by completing an articulation card. The articulation card includes an assessment of the child's performance in math, reading and behavior. It also lists any special or related services that the student received this school year. Finally there is a place for the teacher to provide any additional information necessary when placing the student. Historically this is where a teacher might indicate children that should not be placed in the same class or any special talents or interests that a student might have.

Once we have letters from parents and articulation cards from teachers, we begin the reorganization process. Mrs. Murray and I consider learning style, academic ability, social development and gender. We also try very hard to have at least one other child he/she knows in the class. This is an extremely difficult process and we do our best to create classes that have an equal number of boys and girls and reflect our philosophy of heterogeneity.

Class lists are developed and are shared with teachers from previous years, special area teachers, our school psychologists and speech therapists. These staff members work with many of our students and provide valuable input.

Please take a few minutes over the next few weeks to write a letter about your child's learning style and the learning environment that would nurture his/her growth. I ask that you have this letter to me no later than May 22nd. Final notification of placement will be made in our August mailing.

Sincerely,

Jamie Edelman



MOVING UP CEREMONY

4th GRADE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

Dear Parents/Guardians:

June is right around the corner, and The Moving Up Ceremony will take place the morning of Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

As is the tradition of the Putnam Valley Elementary School, all 4th grade students will receive a Class of 2009 T-shirt. This commemorative gift will be distributed toward the end of the school year.

Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return in an envelope marked "PTA Moving Up T-Shirt Committee." **Kindly return by Friday, May 15, 2009.** If we do not hear from you, we will automatically order a "Youth Large" for your child.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Millicker (845) 526-4089.

Thank you

The PTA Moving Up Committee

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Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Youth: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult Size: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large



REMINDER
Diabetes Walk
Thursday, May 21st



- Please remember to wear sneakers on this day.
- We would prefer to have donation envelopes handed in the day of, or prior to the walk.
- Final deadline for donations is Monday, June 1st.
- Checks are preferred and can be made out to JDRF.

The PV Ambulance Corp will be having an Open House on Sunday, May 17th.