Principal Letter to Families

**The PhillyFAST-i3 Project**

September 2014

Dear Kindergarten and First Grade Parent or Guardian,

**You and your child are invited to Families and Schools Together (FAST®)! This is a very special program at our school that—**

*Supports your child’s learning*

*Helps build friendships among parents, guardians and students*

*Engages all your family in a fun time together, with a free meal and activities*

Why do I and your child’s teacher think this is a great opportunity for your child?

We want your child to have a great school experience. We know each child comes to our school ready to learn. When all parents and grandparents, the children, and our school come together, we build a stronger community. Together, we can do a better job supporting our kids in developing their strengths.

Last year, we saw FAST make a huge difference in kids’ school experience. We saw our children gain confidence when they went to FAST with their family. And parents who went to FAST said,

**It was something we looked forward to—to just get out of the house, to have dinner and be with other parents who are going through the same things we are… It was neat to see how families came together.**

Each member of your family (from the youngest to the oldest) is invited to come try FAST — to have a meal, play and do fun activities that build self-esteem and respect. A free dinner is part of every FAST event. The session includes time for parents to talk with one another. Children have time to play and do a little homework, as well.

I know that if all kindergartners and first graders attend FAST, our school will become stronger. More importantly, each child and family will benefit. Please come **(INSERT DATE AND LOCATION)**. If you have any questions, please talk to your child’s teacher.

We look forward to seeing you.

A new web site tells parents’ views of FAST and provides more information about the program.

See www.phillyfasti3.com

Sincerely,

**Principal Signature**

**School**