

**Morning and Afternoon Kindergarten**

*September 3, 2010*

*Dear Kindergarten Parents:*

*Welcome to the Wyandot Elementary School family, for those of you that may have older children at Wyandot, welcome back.*

*My name is Jan Youkers, your child's kindergarten teacher. I have been with the Dublin School District since 1988. I taught kindergarten for several years before specializing in reading for sixteen years. I'm excited about the opportunity to combine my experience in literacy with my kindergarten background to work with the children on a more comprehensive curriculum.*

*Kindergarten is an exciting and important time for your child where individual learning styles and lifelong attitudes about education are formed. It is a time for your child to develop confidence within a safe, caring, group environment that fosters individual growth in social, emotional, physical and intellectual areas. I strive for a program that is developmentally appropriate, teaches problem-solving skills and provides many opportunities for cooperative learning and self-management.*

*My goal is for each student to maximize his potential and develop a lifelong passion for learning. When children are expected to share in the responsibility for their own learning, they are better able to apply and extend new knowledge into other areas.*

*I look forward to working with you and your child this year at Wyandot Elementary. If you ever want to contact me you can reach me by calling the school, or via e-mail at [youkers\\_jan@dublinschools.net](mailto:youkers_jan@dublinschools.net).*

*Sincerely,*

*Jan Youkers*