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Sample Mid-year Newsletter

Topics include:

- Thanking volunteers and parents who attended Fall meetings
- Examples of topics discussed
- Discussion of mid-year facilitators meeting
- Reminder of summaries available
- Encouragement to attend Spring meetings

(Feel free to copy and use any portion of this article, changing the names, dates, etc. to reflect the needs of your particular school.)

Thank you to all the parents who attended the fall ParentNet meetings and to the many parent volunteers, both new and returning, who made them possible. With the busy school calendar at _____, including the many academic, athletic and social events, it can be challenging to squeeze in another evening meeting! Yet those who did so found a wide range of timely parenting topics to discuss, at every grade level. A few examples were social inclusiveness, allowing and encouraging our children to take increasing responsibility for themselves, communicating with our children, new drivers, and the school dance. These topics represent common, and recurring, parent concerns at given ages generally, and in the Overlake community specifically. However, this fall there were new topics, generated by events, both national and in our own community, that more recently have occupied our hearts and minds. In these instances, ParentNet provided an ideal forum for coming together to discuss profound topics of loss and grief in a safe, structured place.

On January 24th, ParentNet volunteers from all grade levels met to debrief on the first round of meetings and to fine tune their facilitation skills. The feedback and suggestions received at that meeting help the ParentNet program to evolve and be responsive to the _____ community. The mid-year meeting is also key to honing the skills necessary to conduct focused, constructive discussions at the grade level ParentNet meetings. We applaud our volunteers (again!) for their commitment and hard work.

If you were not able to attend a meeting this fall, we remind you that summaries of the grade level meetings are posted to the _____ website, and encourage you to read about what went on. More importantly, however, we encourage you to attend the second (final) meeting for your child's grade level. During February, the 9th grade meets on the 02/11 and the 7th grade meets on 02/12. All grade level meetings are on the _____ School calendar.

We hope everyone had a peaceful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at ParentNet in the New Year!