

## From the Helm of the Ship

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### Graduation

The last thirteen years have culminated in the last steps across the stage on May 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us in wishing this senior class off into adulthood. Some will find jobs and others will continue their education, but they have a very important document in hand, a high school diploma.

### OLWEUS

Last month's newsletter I introduced you to the Olweus [pronounced OI-VEY-us] Bullying Prevention Program that we will use next year. Briefly, it is a comprehensive, school-wide program that will be implemented. This summer a team of administrators and teachers will learn from certified program instructors how to implement this program. But we also need some community members and parents to sit on this committee with staff and students. Please let me know if you are interested.

There will be a kick-off celebration for the new program next year. After the initial introduction, in late September or early October we will ask all students and parents to take part in the Olweus survey. This will give us a benchmark to help gauge our progress.



If you would like more information on this program, call the school or use this link: <http://www.clemson.edu/olweus/>.

As you know, the board, staff and administration want this school to be a safe and friendly atmosphere for all students. Please help us out by supporting the Olweus program.



### Changes for 2007-08

The Olweus program is not the only change that will be happening next year. As you might have heard, Mrs. Penny Bredensteiner, elementary principal, will be retiring at the end of this school year. However, after forty years of dedication to this district, we can't let her out completely. She has agreed to return next November as a part-time elementary principal. Mrs. Hilding and I will be assisting in the elementary next year. Please congratulate her on her next monumental step of her career.

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