



Summer 2015

Dear Parent,

As the parent of an incoming 4th grader at the Merriam Avenue School, we wanted to make sure you are aware that your child is eligible to participate in a FREE afterschool enrichment program: **Project Launch Newton**.

The Project Launch Newton Afterschool Program is open to all Merriam Avenue students in grade 4. Activities take place on school grounds, and students have the option to be bused home. The program runs Monday through Friday from school closing until 5:45 p.m., with field trips and other activities on weekends as scheduled. Daily snacks are provided along with physical and educational enrichment activities centered around the theme of STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Project Launch Newton will begin on September 14, 2015. Many of your fellow 4th grade families have already enrolled in the program. We hope to have your family join them! Simply complete the attached enrollment packet and return it to the school office by Tuesday, June 23rd to ensure that your child can participate. Not ready or sure you want to join Project Launch Newton? No problem – your child can still enroll at any point during the school year, but of course we encourage you to start the program as soon as possible to get the most benefit from it.

Our goal is for this to be a fun and enriching experience which empowers students to be their best selves in all aspects of their lives – academically, in extracurricular activities, and as engaged members of their communities. We are looking to you, as parents, to help us achieve these goals. Parent involvement is welcome and encouraged. Project Launch is purposefully integrated with our school's extracurricular activities, so it is expected that student-athletes and club members will join Project Launch as well.

We encourage you to reach out to Project Launch staff with questions and concerns. Additionally, many supports are in place for our Project Launch families, such as parenting skills classes, counseling, career guidance and training and so much more.

If you have additional questions about Project Launch Newton, please contact Project Self-Sufficiency at (973) 940-3500. We hope you'll agree that Project Launch Newton is a terrific opportunity for your family and hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Deborah Berry-Toon, Executive Director

Stay posted! To learn more about Project Launch Newton, visit our web site: www.projectlaunchnewton.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ProjectLaunchNewton.