

Dean Parent,

The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 were a “defining moment” in American history – like the attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Our country and our lives will be forever changed by these events. In the future, students will read about what happened in their history books. For students the significance of such an event may not be immediately understood and may not leave a lasting impression.

Children understand events based on their own experiences, which are more limited than adults’ experiences. Before September 11th, 2001, many children, especially young children, may not have heard the word “terrorist” or understood what this meant. Some might not have understood why adults were so upset by the events of September 11th, or why there was continuous television coverage of the event.

As the anniversary of September 11th arrives, the School District plans to honor the memory of September 11th by:

Children and families all over the country are likely to have known someone involved in this tragedy. If you have a child whose behavior concerns you, bring it to the attention of your child’s teacher or principal so that assistance can be provided.

With warm regards,