

# BLEVINS SCHOOL DISTRICT STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Dear Parent of \_\_\_\_\_,

This year Blevins School District is starting a program to help students increase their reading skills by listening to audiobooks downloaded to an iPod provided by the school. While listening, students will track the printed text in a copy of the book. Other schools have seen excellent growth in reading comprehension and reading rate using this program, and it is our hope that our students will see the same benefits through this program.

Your child was chosen to participate in the program because a teacher recommended him or his lexile score as measured by STAR Reading Test indicates he needs support outside the classroom to increase his reading skills. There is an emphasis on improving reading comprehension in the program.

In order for your child to participate, we are asking parents to attend an informational meeting on **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:30** in the high school **library**. At that time we will explain the program in more detail including checkout procedures, guidelines, and usage policies.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Elementary School: 870.874.2283

High School: 870.874.2281

Sincerely,

Sharon Ricks  
Instructional Facilitator  
Blevins School District