

June 22, 2010

Dear Key School Parents,

We have had another great year at Key. I am looking forward to a relaxing summer, but one that will be filled with the excitement of our annual summer camps: Ms. Palm's Art Camp, Mr. Colton's Sports Camp and Ms. Linden's handwriting camp with the support of Ms. Conway. Also, Ms. Flaherty will be running the Hearing Impaired summer program along with 5th grade teacher Ms. Williams. All will be very successful, with special thanks in advance to Ms. Cheeks, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lucas and Mr. McFadden.

No big plans this summer for the Landeryou family, other than of course keeping up with all of our girls' camps and activities. The big girls will head out to "camp Arizona" and are working on a trip to Yellowstone, possibly, thanks to their ambitious and very adventurous grandparents. Emily will be 11 going into sixth grade, and Sophia turning 8 will be in third grade and Clara is now 4. Should be a fun summer.

Ms. Cheeks and I look forward to your visits and hearing about your summer experiences. We will be getting ready for another great year at Key with a few changes. We continue to grow we plan to add a third 2nd grade class and we will continue with (3) 1st grade and (3) Kindergarten classes, first time ever. We are getting perilously close to trailers on the parking lot....

Even though it happens every year, I am always sad to see some of our outstanding Key School teachers move. This year is no exception, we will miss: Ms. Johannsen, ESL, Ms. Browne, PreK, Ms. Joly, SPED Coordinator and Ms. Yeck, Reading Specialist. We thank them for their commitment and dedication to Key.

Parents and students will have the opportunity to check their class assignments by viewing the class rosters that will be posted in late August. The class lists will be posted on the door of the Eskridge Terrace entrance.

The first day of school for Kindergarten through 5th grade is Monday, August 24th. Their school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. There will be classroom orientations for Kindergartners on Friday August 20th at 2pm. Please come by at that time to meet your new Kindergarten teacher and visit your classroom. For Pre-K students, orientation will be held on August 24th and 25th and their first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 26th. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from August 26th through the 28th. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm from August 31st through September 4th. The first full day of school for Pre-K students will be on Tuesday, September 8th.

On the first day of school, parents should bring their children to the blacktop outside the gymnasium doors. We will have an opening assembly and then the students will proceed to their classrooms from the blacktop area with their teachers. All Kindergarten students should be dropped off directly at their classrooms between 8:50-9:00 right after the opening assembly. The 1st through 5th grade students will be escorted up to their classrooms by their classroom teacher. We know that some 1st-5th grade parents may want to accompany your child to his or her classroom, however, it is important to keep in mind that we need to give our teachers the opportunity to develop their own routines and schedule. We ask that you are respectful of the teacher's need to establish a positive classroom environment in the first weeks of school. If you are interested and able to attend, we will have coffee in the cafeteria and a tour after the opening.

Please check with the office to make sure that you have provided all the necessary registration information. We are very excited about this upcoming year and are looking forward to working with everyone. Key School will continue to deliver an outstanding instructional program and provide a wonderful learning environment for your children.

Sincerely,

David Landeryou

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