

June 13, 2011

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. All will be very successful, with special thanks in advance to Ms. Cheeks, Ms Johnson, Nurse Gagliardi, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lucas and Mr. McFadden.

This summer will be an exciting one for the Landeryou family, our first with baby David. The big girls will head out to "camp Arizona" with their grandparents after a week at UVA swim camp. Emily will be 12 going into seventh grade (Junior High) next Fall, Sophia turning 9 will be in fourth grade and Clara, who is 5, is headed to the big school entering Kindergarten. Looking forward to a great 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. As we continue to grow, we plan to add a third 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and for the first time ever, a fourth 1st grade class. As predicted last summer, we will be adding two new classrooms on the parking lot for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Hard to believe.

The first day of school for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and their first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from August 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The first full day of school for Pre-K students will be on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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 a.m. after the opening assembly. The 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be escorted up to their classrooms by their classroom teacher. We know that some 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

In late August, parents and students will have the opportunity to check their class assignments by viewing the class rosters that will be posted on the door of the Eskridge Terrace entrance. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

David Landeryou, Principal  
Francis Scott Key Elementary