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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, and Mr. Colton's Sports Camp. We will also be hosting the Hearing Impaired summer program this year, the director of Fillmore, Katherine Latterner and a Social Studies curriculum-writing group. All will be very successful, with special thanks in advance to Ms. Cheeks, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lucas and Mr. McFadden.

This summer we will be visiting family out West. I am heading to Arizona and Colorado with the girls, while Kirsten visits her sister in New Orleans. We will have a new addition to the family; Kirsten's sister is having her first child in Late July. The girls keep growing, especially Clara well into her terrible two's; Emily will be 9 going into fourth grade, and Sophia turning 6 will be in first grade. Should be a fun summer.

With early registration this year Ms. Cheeks and I will probably not see as many of you this summer as usual. We still 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 – for the first time, we will have at least two classes at every grade level (PK-5).

The Key hiring team has worked diligently through the end of the school year to fill some recent vacancies. Of course, you all know about Ms. Caldito's retirement, additionally we are losing Ms. Young to a Masters program at Columbia, Ms. Spencer is moving to Cleveland, Ms. Wilson will pursue her degree full time and Ms. Ogiltree is moving with her husband to Canada. We will miss them all very much. We have some strong candidates in mind for their positions, and will announce them as soon as they have been officially hired.

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. Their school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. There will be classroom orientations for Pre-K students on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and their first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from the 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> and will have their first full day of school on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</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. We know that you may want to accompany your child to his or her classroom, especially if he or she is in the lower grades; 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,

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