

August 19, 2010

Dear College Park Kindergarten Families:

Welcome to the College Park Elementary School kindergarten program! I would like to start off by saying how excited we are to begin the 2010 – 2011 school year and how anxious we are to meet your child and welcome him/her into our school family. You are fortunate to have your child attend such an outstanding school with dedicated and caring teachers, a supportive parent community, and a diverse group of students who are eager to learn and excel academically.

Students who are currently registered have been assigned to a classroom. As you know, the number of students assigned to a classroom is limited. It is important to note, that though our desire is to accommodate a parental request for either a morning or afternoon kindergarten class, it is not possible for us to honor all requests. Therefore, students were assigned to kindergarten classes based on a number of criteria; balance between boys or girls, equal number of students in each class, parent's work schedule, and enrollment in specialized school programs. Please understand that priority is given to those criteria that protect the integrity of the classroom and ensure the best learning environment for all students. Kindergarten students assigned to an *A.M.* kindergarten class will attend from 8:00 A.M. – 11:20 P.M.; those students assigned to a *P.M.* kindergarten class will attend from 11:30 A.M. – 2:50 P.M. On Wednesdays and minimum days, students in the *P.M.* kindergarten classes attend from 9:40 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

On behalf of our kindergarten teachers, I would like to invite you and your child to our **Kindergarten Meet & Greet on Wednesday, September 1st. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the school's multi-purpose room and end at 10:00 a.m. in your child's classroom.** The purpose of this meeting is for your child to meet his/her teacher, visit the classroom, and hopefully alleviate some of the first day anxiety often times associated with the first day of kindergarten. Your child's teacher and room number will be posted in front of the College Park office on Wednesday, September 1st at 8:30 A.M.

In addition, your attendance is requested at our **Kindergarten Back to School Parent Orientation at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1st in your child's classroom.** This is for parents only and not appropriate for children to attend. Your child's teacher will provide you with an overview of the curriculum, classroom procedures, parent volunteer opportunities, and other pertinent details relating to your child's kindergarten experience. Back to School Night for students in grades 1 – 6 will be held on Thursday evening, September 23rd.

Please remember the first day of school will be Thursday, September 2nd. It is a minimum day and all afternoon kindergarten students attend from 9:40 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. We look forward to meeting you and visiting with your child.

Cordially,

Alan Battenfield
Principal