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Dear School No. 5 Families,

Happy August! With September on the horizon, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone, especially our new families, to our School No. 5 community!

There has been a lot of activity at School 5 over the past two months as we prepare for an exciting school year! In addition to cleaning and sprucing up, we have replaced two classroom floors, renovated the upstairs girls' bathroom, relocated and refurbished our media center, and reorganized our classes to welcome two kindergarten classes! I look forward to having you visit at our **Back-to-School Night** on **September 12th**. But before that, here are a few reminders regarding our first few days:

- **September 3rd** is **Kindergarten Orientation** at 2:00 in the gym.
- **September 5th** is **Opening Day** for grades kindergarten through four. Please see below for **ENTRANCE PROCEDURES**. Don't forget – the bell rings at 8:30!
- **September 6th** is **Pre-K Orientation**. AM session begins at 9:30 in the gym and PM begins at 1:30 in the gym.
- **September 9th** is **Opening Day** for our pre-kindergarten. Please see below for Pre-K Entrance Procedures. Our day begins at 9:00 for the a.m. session and 12:30 for the p.m. session.

Please take a moment to review our entrance procedures for students in grades K-4 in the morning. I am asking for your cooperation in abiding by this plan.

ENTRANCE PROCEDURES

GRADES K-4:

- **Students in grades K-4 will enter through the Door #1 (Day Avenue entrance) no earlier than 8:20 a.m. (unless enrolled in Breakfast Club). The curb on Day Avenue is designated as a "Kiss and Drop Off" zone. Students will enter through the main door where our security guard will be positioned until the late bell rings at 8:35 a.m.**
- **At 8:35, the security guard will close and lock the front door for the remainder of the day and assume security procedures from the guard booth in the back. *Students arriving after the late bell, must enter through the security booth in the back. PLEASE BE SURE TO GET YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME!***
- **Once students enter the building, they will be directed by teachers on duty as to whether they should proceed to the outside lot (weather permitting) or to the gym.**

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- **Parents will not be granted permission to enter the building without an appointment or contact with the main office. Parents who are granted permission, must report directly to the main office. At no point should a parent go to a classroom.**
- **Dismissal locations are as follows:**
 - **Grade K: Door #2 (Rothwell Avenue Door)**
 - **Grade 1: Door #6 (Parking Lot Door)**
 - **Grade 2: Door #8 (Summit Avenue Door)**
 - **Grades 3&4: Door #1 (Day Avenue Door)**

Again, parents are not to enter the building at dismissal doors. If you need to enter, please do so through the security booth and proceed straight to the main office.

AM PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

- **AM Pre-K students will enter through the back lot no earlier than 8:50 accompanied by an adult and proceed to the small gated area to line up (cones will designate classes).**
- **AM Dismissal is at 11:30 a.m. Students will be walked back to the gated area in the back lot with their teachers to be reunited with parents and caregivers.**

PM PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

- **PM Pre-K students accompanied by an adult will line up in front of the Summit Avenue door (Door #8) no earlier than 12:20 (cones will designate classes).**
- **PM Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Students will be walked back to the gated area in the back lot with their teachers to be reunited with parents and caregivers.**

Finally, as we begin our new academic year I encourage and urge you to be an active participant in your child's education. During the course of the school year, I will share ideas, resources, and announcements through various modes. Here are a few ways to connect to School No. 5 right away!

- Follow School No. 5 on **Twitter!** All you have to do is create a Twitter account (if you do not have one already) and "follow" us: **@CPPSNo5**. It's that easy! There I will post the wonderful learning experiences going on in School No. 5 as well as some interesting ideas and tips for enhancing your child's learning experiences at home.
- Friend us on Facebook! Our school page is: **Cliffside Park #5 Elementary School**.
- Receive text messages through our **REMIND** text messaging system! Send a text to: **81010** and put the following in the message: **@school5fa**. Hit send and you are all signed up!
- We will also have information and a current calendar posted on the School 5 page of our district site: www.cliffsidepark.edu.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer! Relax, have fun, and share a story with your child every day! I will see you in September!

Warm regards,

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