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Dear Key School Parents,

We had another great year at Key. We were especially busy this summer, moving some classrooms and doing some minor repairs. Also, we are hosting our annual camps: Ms. Palm's Art Camp, Mr. Colton's Sports Camp, and Ms. Linden's handwriting camp. Our office staff Ms. Cheeks and Ms. Johnson are busy enrolling students and preparing for the new school year, while our custodial team is working hard preparing the building, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lucas and Mr. McFadden. Assistant Principals Riley and Green are busy finalizing our staffing and planning for next school year.

This summer is busy as usual for the Landeryou family with swimming, soccer and triathlons. We fit in a visit to the beach and some hiking, so a great summer. We will be down to 2 schools for the kids next year with Emily and Sophia in high school and Clara and David in elementary school. Should help make everything easier.

Ms. Green, Mr. Riley, Ms. Cheeks, Ms. Johnson and I look forward to your visits and hearing about your summer experiences. We are ready for another great year at Key. As you know Ms. Palm will be moving to Kindergarten, Ms. Kagin to Special education, and Ms. Cannon to 4th grade. Mr Riley has sent updates with all of our new staff and we have been busy registering students, our enrollment is projected at 415 students.

The first day of school for Kindergarten through 5th grade is Monday, August 22nd. The school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. There will be a classroom orientation for Kindergarteners on Friday, August 19th 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 22nd and 23rd and their first day of school begins on Wednesday, August 24th. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. from August 24th through August 26th. Pre-K students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. from August 29th through September 2nd. The first full day of school for Pre-K students will be on Tuesday, September 6th.

On the first day of school, parents should bring their children either to the blacktop outside the gymnasium doors. We will have an opening assembly and then the students will proceed to their classrooms with their teachers. We know that some 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.

We are very pleased with how well the Move up day process has gone, so all our returning students already know their placement, but we will re-post the lists for all new families, again at the end of the summer on the door of the Eskridge Terrace entrance. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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