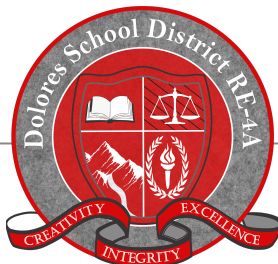


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Greetings Dear Little Bear Families!

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful blessed summer! I finally took time to visit all my family on the East Coast, and it was a wonderful rejuvenating experience! I'm refreshed and eager to get back to work, and I'm so looking forward to seeing your children again soon! I also want to welcome our new superintendent, Dr. James "Reece" Blincoe, as he is dedicated to helping us make this one of your students' best years, yet!

We will be starting our school year off for students on Friday, **August 13th with an "Open House Back-to-School"** event where you can come meet myself, your teachers, turn in school supplies, learn more about our Core Knowledge Curriculum, ask questions, and sign up for our volunteer opportunities! **The first official day of school for our Little Bears will be on Monday, August 16th from 8:00 AM to 3:40 PM.** Please remember that we will only have four days of school this year with all Fridays off. We *hope* to offer some exciting events on Fridays once the District hires a Friday Coordinator!

Currently, we are hoping to start the school year by still using designated door entry, sanitizing occasionally, and encouraging all parents who have not been fully vaccinated to continue to wear a mask within our walls. As we receive further updates from the state as the start of school approaches for Covid Safety protocols, we will share them promptly and be expected to follow them diligently to maintain in-person learning. Since we are expecting to remain "in-person" for the full year, we will not be offering any Online Learning program options at this time. Please be diligent in checking your email, phone messages, and/or reading our updates via the app on your phones for further information.

I will send out more detailed information about our school schedule and other general information *before* our Open House event on the 13th, but please reserve that date and the date for the first day of school on August 16th! Also, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any urgent questions! I am honored to be here to serve and help our Little Bears be successful in pursuing their education! I hope to get to see you on August 13th, and please enjoy the rest of your summer!

Warm Regards,
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