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## Lillian Symmes Elementary **Welcome Back, Shark Families!**

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. It was nice to have some time off and I even enjoyed going to the movies again. We were excited to receive our Grade 3 FSA scores for reading. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders increased the number of student's proficient by 10%! Congratulations to both our students and teachers. We have just received our scores for grades 4& 5, as well as grade 3 math. We anticipate being able to share more info next week as we dig into the data.

We are excited to announce our theme for the 2021-2022 school year will be **"Peace, Love, and Learning!"** We will continue to focus on engaging instruction that will academically prepare our students, while also building classroom cultures where students are encouraged to be good citizens and show great character. So, get out your tie dye and join us at open house on Friday, August 6 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm as we kick off the start to a groovy school year! Be sure to stop by our photo booth for a quick picture. PGA will also be available for memberships and to show off this year's spirit shirt. High 5 (formerly BSAC) our before and aftercare program will also be available to answer questions and take registrations.

I know many of you may still have concerns when it comes to Covid. Please know that we are following district protocols and consult with them regularly. Ms. Fuentes is our Covid Captain and can answer any questions you may have.

Some items to take note of:

- Masks are optional this year. Parents must provide mask if they wish for their child to wear one.
- Students will be provided one refillable water bottle for their use this year. It will be their responsibility to take it home to clean and bring back and forth to school. We will only be using refillable stations and no longer providing bottled water.
- We will continue to sanitize frequently and social distance when possible. We ask that you screen your child for symptoms prior to sending them to school each day.
- We will continue to contact trace and quarantine following district guidelines as needed this year.
- If your child has symptoms please keep them home and notify the school. Classwork will be provided through Canvas by their teacher.

I look forward to welcoming all our Sharks back to campus on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember school starts at 7:40am and the car line gate will close at 7:35am. Walkers will enter at the front gate. Parents may walk them to the gate and say goodbye. Car line will be located on the cafeteria side of the school the same as last year. Parents will enter the lot drive all the way to the back then come up alongside the building where a patrol or adult will open the door for your student once you have come to a complete stop. We ask that there be no cell phone use in car line to ensure the safety of all students. The gate will open for car line to begin lining up at 7:40 each afternoon. Students in our full time ESE classes, iPeeps and VPK there will be paras along the car line to help escort your child. Free breakfast is available to all students here at Symmes and we encourage families to take advantage of it.

If you have any questions please reach out to the front office or myself at 740-4182. Enjoy these last few days of summer and get ready for a **FAR OUT** and **GROOVY** school year!

Regards,  
AnnaMarie Rothenbush  
Principal

