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Dear Shark Families,

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! This year our theme is "Symmes Elementary, To Proficiency and Beyond!" We know this year may present some challenges, but our staff is dedicated to ensuring that all students reach proficiency and beyond in their academics as well as becoming students with character that counts. We know that many of you have concerns regarding the upcoming school year and student safety. I can assure you that we will be following district guidelines to ensure all members of our shark family are safe. We are hopeful that we will be able to open the building with safety procedures in place because we know the best place for students to learn is in front of their teacher. We also know that students being with their peers to learn and play is best for their social and emotional wellbeing. We will continue to keep you updated on the opening status as we move closer to the official start date of **August 10th**. Please understand that many procedures we normally have in place, such as visitors on campus, volunteering, extracurricular activities, etc. may look different this year due to district and CDC guidelines. We will do our best to update you in a timely manner.

It has been a busy summer as we prepare for the upcoming year. Our custodial staff has been working diligently to prepare our campus and ensure that everything is clean and ready for students. We are excited to add some new members to our team here at Symmes. They come with a wealth of knowledge, years of experience, and a passion for teaching! Each family will receive a postcard about 2 weeks before school begins. This postcard will contain a link to our website where you will be able to see who your child's teacher is, bus routes and more details about open house. The supply list is posted on our website currently and has been sent to local stores, such as, Target and Walmart.

We look forward to "Blasting off to a Great School Year" at Open House on August 6th, 2020. Times to be determined. Come out and meet our amazing "Mission Control Team" as we launch the 2010-2021 school year! We also hope you will be a part of our team and join PTA that night. They are an integral member of our school community and support so many of the programs here at Symmes. They will also be selling our new spirit shirt!

If I can be of any assistance to you this year please reach out to me via email or through Mrs. Foss, Principal's secretary. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we do everything we can to be responsive to the needs of our community.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable rest of their summer. I look forward to exploring new frontiers with our Symmes students, staff and families this year!

Sincerely,

AnnaMarie Rothenbush Principal Symmes Elementary "To Proficiency and Beyond!"

