

Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome our students back tomorrow for the first day of school! The energy in the building is contagious, and our teachers have been working hard to create a joyful and safe space for your children to learn and grow this year.

A few important reminders for tomorrow morning:

- **Parking Lot Procedures:** Please drive slowly and patiently through the lot. Tomorrow morning will be especially busy because of our Tears and Cheers event! Review the procedures here:
 - [Parking Lot Map](#)
 - [Transportation/Drop off/Pick Up Overview](#)

Top 3 Things to Remember: **FOLLOW THE ONE WAY SIGNS**, park and WALK your child up (for park/drop) and, as stated above, please drive *slowly*.

- **Tears and Cheers:** After drop-off, we invite all parents and caregivers to join us in Milan's Garden (*close to 4th grade doors/Bradfield*) for a "Tears and Cheers" gathering. Whether you're celebrating or holding back a few tears, you will be in good company. To top it all off? We will have donuts and Starbucks for you as well.

****This event is for ALL families, however for Kindergarten specifically we have decided to open up Tears and Cheers early this year! Kinder families, you are welcome to drop your child off with our teachers and helpers at the K doors as soon as you arrive and then head straight to Tears and Cheers starting at 7:50am! We've gotten the feedback that sometimes waiting together until students enter the building at 8:10am increases the goodbye anxiety, and we hope this option is helpful for you. Other families are also welcome to come over early, we just re-designed with Kinder in mind 😊*

- **Volunteering:** We love having parents help during recess and lunch! If you're interested, sign up [HERE](#); we especially love EXTRA people the first few weeks, so if the slots are full, please **still join us!** We're also looking for anyone who may be willing/able to offer their help (2 hours a day) via a paid position for recess/lunch. If that is something you'd be interested in, follow [THIS](#) link to apply.
- **Transportation:** We know many of you are still eagerly awaiting your transportation details. Rest assured, it **IS** coming. We are using the information you provided us via QR code, details you shared with staff as well as cross-checking with transportation's information once we receive it. Thank you for your diligence in filling out the forms, it helps us immensely to get your kiddos to the right place. Forgot to fill it out? [HERE](#) is the link!

Above all, remember that the first day is a big milestone for both students and families. We **ARE** a "kiss and drop" school, and while we know that is hard (especially for our Kinder families), we promise it will benefit everyone in the long run. A quick hug, a smile, and a confident goodbye go a long way in helping your child start the year strong.

We can't wait to see you in the morning and begin another incredible year together. Thank you for your partnership and support—it makes all the difference!

Saludos,

Sra Woodside