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Dear Families,

As another great year together comes to an end, we want to share our continued appreciation for your support and partnership. Working together to help your children grow as readers, writers, problem-solvers and dreamers is an honor that we do not take lightly. Last night's Celebration of Learning was inspiring, as we watched all of our students proudly share their learning with our community.

As we wrap up this school year, we are already busily preparing for the next. As you know, we've encountered some transportation challenges this school year. It's essential that students have consistent and reliable buses that get them to school on time. Additionally, transportation is a significant portion of our budget, thus we are working diligently behind the scenes to increase our transportation efficiency.

In meetings with First Student, we've developed a plan to improve the quality of transportation services for the upcoming school year. In effort to reduce cost and improve quality, we will partner with another charter school to tier buses during the 2019-2020 school year. We look forward to much improved bus services next year. This change means that our assigned drivers and buses will run a route at another school before running routes for AFIA. In order to make this plan work, we need to slightly adjust our bell times for next year.

During the 19-20 school year, AFIA's arrival and dismissal times are as follows:

8:30 Drop off time	8:50 Morning bell time
4:10 Afternoon bell time (M, T, Th, Friday)	2:10 Early dismissal pick up time (Wednesdays)

The school calendar for the 2019 - 2020 school year on the back of this letter. We hope you will stay connected this summer through our Academy for Integrated Arts Facebook page. Please also plan to connect with our AFIA community at the following summer events:

June 27 (11AM-1PM): Summer Lunch Bunch

Bring a picnic lunch and meet-up with other AFIA families while the kids enjoy the AFIA playground. We'll provide the ice cream!

July 18 (4-6PM): Loose Parts Family Play Date

Parents and children can visit multiple "play stations" and meet other AFIA families. For those interested in learning more about loose parts play, a short presentation will be held at 4:15pm and again at 5:15pm.

August 8 (6 - 7:30 PM): Back to School Night

August 12: First day of school

As you consider your summer plans, don't forget that the KC Public Library has a great summer reading program: <https://www.kclibrary.org/summerreading2019>. Students who read daily over the summer are less likely to experience the "summer slide." Enjoy your summer and if you need anything, the front office will be open Monday-Friday from 9AM-3PM.

Sincerely,

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