



Dear Lower School Families,

Summer has taken hold here on campus. I have enjoyed seeing a lot of familiar faces already at camp and I hope to see many more as the weeks progress. Even though last year is still fresh in my mind, I get a little more excited each day for the new school year that awaits. Much of our summer is being spent carefully attending to the plans for the upcoming school year. We will be ready and waiting for new and returning Highlanders when school begins on August 13!

As you prepare for the upcoming year, we encourage you to visit our [Back-to-School](#) page on the [Heathwood website](#), where you will find pertinent information for starting the 2025-2026 school year. The updated 2025/26 EC/LS Parent Handbook will be shared early next month. In the meantime, here are some important reminders for you to prepare for the start of school:

- **LS Uniforms.** The first uniform day for ALL children will be Wednesday, August 13, the first day of school. Uniforms are required to be worn every day in the LS, with the exception of specific dress-up days. Please take a moment to review the Dress Code Information on the Back-to-School page. There are a wide variety of options available at The Plaid Peddler, our campus bookstore. Bookstore hours are listed on the Back-to-School page of the [Heathwood website](#). Alternatively, you can also purchase Heathwood logo attire from the Lands' End uniform division using our school code, **900068206**.
- **Outerwear.** Any outerwear worn inside the classroom must be Heathwood gear, which includes all sweatshirts, sweaters, and fleeces. Outerwear worn outside does not need to be Heathwood clothing.
- **Labels.** Please label ALL of your children's clothing items. We do collect items in the Lost and Found. Labels help us locate your child's misplaced item of clothing and return it to them swiftly.

- **Spirit Days.** Every Friday is designated as HHES Spirit Day. On those days, children may wear any Heathwood gear, including football jerseys and cheerleader outfits (both available in the Plaid Peddler). Heathwood spirit t-shirts and jerseys must be worn with uniform bottoms.
- **Backpacks.** Due to space constraints in the classrooms, we cannot accommodate rolling backpacks. We would prefer the children use a standard-sized backpack or tote.
- **School Supplies.** Lower School students do not need to bring in any additional school supplies. All necessary classroom materials are covered by the supply fee and are therefore provided by the school.
- **Class Placement.** Emails regarding class placement will be sent out on **Wednesday, July 30.** The email will contain information about how to sign up for the orientation and/or class visits. Your child will also receive a postcard from his/her classroom teacher on or around that day.
- **Orientation.** In order to help make the transition back to school a smooth one, we are inviting you and your child to come in and get acquainted with the classroom and the teachers before school begins. If your entire family is brand new to the Heathwood community we hope you will save the date for Monday, August 11. Time slots will vary for one hour between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. that morning. Please expect an invitation with more details next month. Returning families are invited to join us on Tuesday, August 12 between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

We look forward to partnering with you in the coming months as we begin the 2025-2026 school year. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

With kind regards,

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