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**Dear Families,**

Welcome to the start of an exciting school year at Wilshire Park! Our staff looks forward to working with you as partners to foster a community of highly successful learners. I hope you take advantage of many opportunities to be involved in your child's learning.

Enclosed is the information you have been waiting for, including the name of your child's teacher and a class list. Parents and students are invited to our **"Meet and Greet" on Tuesday, September 6th (see bright color invitation for the schedule for times)**. This is an informal open house before school starts on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Come with your child to meet their teacher and bring their school supplies with them to the classroom. School photos will also be taken in the gym and lunch payments collected in the cafeteria on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The first day of regular classes is Wednesday, September 7.** Outside doors open each morning when the first bell rings at 8:55 a.m. Students must be in their classroom when the second bell rings at 9:05 a.m. School is dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

**Please review, update and sign your child's buff-colored Health/Emergency Information form, sign and return it to your child's teacher at Meet and Greet on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> even if there are no changes.** It is critical that we are able to reach someone in case of emergency and that we have the paper form on file.

**If your child is registered to take the bus, transportation information is included in your mailing** with bus number and time/location of bus stops. If there is an error or change, please contact our Director of Transportation, Todd Niklaus at [tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us) or 612.706.1117 right away.

The packet that you are receiving is much smaller than in previous years. To save on paper and mailing costs, we encourage you to visit Wilshire Park's website at: <http://schools.isd282.org/wp> to view the following information:

- **The 2016-17 Wilshire Park Family Handbook & the Overview of Student Rights and Responsibilities** contains important information about providing a respectful, productive and safe learning environment. Copies are available in the school office if you prefer to pick up the booklets. To ensure that parents/guardians have read the important information in the Family Handbook and the Overview, please sign the form indicating that you have read them and return the form to your (youngest) child's teacher at Meet and Greet.
- School Photo ordering information. School Photos will be taken in the gym on Meet and Greet Day. Please bring payment with you if you plan to order and purchase portraits. (Photo order envelopes will be available in the gym at Meet and Greet). All students should have their photo taken whether or not you plan to purchase photos.
- The School District Calendar will be mailed to all families later in August. Copies will also be available in the school office during Meet and Greet.
- September Breakfast and Lunch Menu - Note: lunch prices remain the same as last school year: Lunch: \$2.65 (includes milk); Breakfast costs \$2.00.
  - Milk is 55¢ if purchased separately from school lunch or at snack break. (Milk at snack break is not included on the Free/Reduced Lunch program. If your child wishes to receive milk at snack break, please make sure there is adequate money in their school lunch account.
  - All kindergarten students receive free breakfast (if requested) and free milk at snack break.

- Free or Reduced Lunch/Breakfast Application form for 2016-17 (form must be completed at the beginning of each school year and submitted as directed).
- **Administration of Medication Form:** A physician's signature is required before the school nurse may administer Tylenol or any other over-the-counter medication. Administration of Medication forms are available on the school website and in the school office and must be completed each school year.
- **Sign up for Conferences. Wilshire Park Goal Setting conferences are on Tuesday, Oct. 11, Thursday, Oct. 13 and Tuesday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-7:45 p.m.** Please click on the link on the school website to sign up for a 15 minute conference for each of your children. The computer lab will also be open during Meet and Greet if you wish to use the online signup at school. Assistance will be provided if needed.
- **Volunteer Information.** Please complete a Volunteer Registration form if you wish to help out in classrooms or assist on class field trips. The form is on the school website and available in the school office. You may sign up for volunteer opportunities at Meet and Greet in the hallway near the gym.
- **Wilshire Park Parent Association (WPPA) information including:**
  - Welcome Letter, Mission and WPPA Events for 2016-17
  - 2016-17 Wilshire Park Fall Giving Campaign through Oct. 31, 2016 ([www.razoo.com/story/Wilshire-Park-Parents-Association](http://www.razoo.com/story/Wilshire-Park-Parents-Association) )
  - WPPA Volunteer Contact Form (click on the link to complete form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6VIGXmIORmmo04\\_mvT7Yv74-etRNuvTdGXcxSxygQ090CBO/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6VIGXmIORmmo04_mvT7Yv74-etRNuvTdGXcxSxygQ090CBO/viewform))
  - Yearbook Order Form: Order by Sept. 30, 2016 for best price.
- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal for access to your child's grades:**
  - **New Families:** enclosed in this mailing are instructions to access your child's grades, emergency contacts and attendance information through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
  - **Returning Families:** Your access information for Infinite Campus remains the same as last year. Please email Helen Siggelkow ([hsiggelkow@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:hsiggelkow@stanthony.k12.mn.us) ) in the school office if you have misplaced the information on accessing your child's Infinite Campus portal.
  - **All Families:** It is particularly important that you verify your address, home, cell and work phone numbers through your Infinite Campus portal. **Please update or add emergency contacts who may be called if we are unable to reach you.**
  - Did you know that you can also access Infinite Campus through your cell phone? Download the free Infinite Campus Mobile App after first setting up your account on a desktop or laptop.

#### **Introducing our New Staff and Staff Changes:**

- Ms. Kelsey Tuominen will join the second grade team (Ms. Tuominen replaces Ms. Cole).
- Ms. Sarah Bestul will join the second grade team (Ms. Bestul replaces Ms. Cooper for the 2016-2017 school year while Ms. Cooper is on leave).
- Ms. Chrissy Benson will join the second grade team (Ms. Benson replaces Ms. Samuels for the first semester while she is on leave)
- Mr. Andrew Otis will join the Physical Education Department.
- Ms. Katrina Peterson will join our Special Education Department as the School District Psychologist.

**Save the Date: Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm, Multi-Purpose Room- A conversation about Racial Equity at Wilshire Park School. Information has been emailed to families.**

We are so excited for another start to a great school year! Please give the school office a call if you have questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

*Kari Page*

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Principal