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Dear John Muir Families:

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 31st and many of us here are already hard at work preparing classrooms, waxing floors, and getting ready for what promises to be a year of growth and learning. As the new principal for John Muir School, I'm already excited and looking forward to the chance to get to know you and begin forming connections. For now, I want to be sure that you know a few important dates and procedures so that the start of the year will be a smooth one.

1st WEDNESDAY a REGULAR DAY:

The first day of school falls on a Wednesday. Even though Wednesdays are usually minimum days, the 31st will be a regular day. September 7th will be the first minimum Wednesday of the school year.

KINDERGARTEN BRUNCH and INFORMATION:

We will have a potluck brunch for incoming families this Sunday, August 28th in the Kindergarten play area. Current families are invited to attend as well, to welcome the new students. Our Kindergarten teachers invite incoming students to visit their classrooms on Tuesday, August 30st, from 2:30-3:30. Kindergarten class assignments will be posted at that time. **Questions:** Call Kelly at 644-6410.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are wanted and needed, so please be sure to offer your time and talents to help make our school the best it can be. You can sign up with PTA on the first day of school at their "Welcome Back" table. You'll see this table on the 1st day of school. We need EVERYONE!!

CONSTRUCTION:

By the start of school, work should be completed on a new iron gate in front of the school. If for any reason construction has not been completed by August 31st, students will need to enter through the parking lot gate about 50 feet to the south.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Kindergarten	Starts @ 9:00 and ends @ 2:15
Grades 1 through 3	Starts @ 9:00 and ends @ 2:55
Grades 4 through 5	Starts @ 9:00 and ends @ 3:15

STUDENTS SHOULD BE ON TIME, but there is NO SUPERVISION until 8:45!

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS: These will be posted outside the office **after 5:00 PM** on Tuesday, August 30th. They will remain posted for those who arrive Wednesday morning. Staff will be in the yard to answer questions and to assist students in finding the right lines.

STUDENT LUNCHES: Students who qualified for free or reduced meals last year will be approved until October 1st. We are requesting that EVERY family please complete the application that will come home on the first day of school. We are also asking that families make a special effort to provide **NUTRITIOUS SNACKS** for their students. Fruit, yogurt, string cheese, or veggies are much better than the junk food we sometimes see our students bring. Help your child make good food choices.

Note: You will receive notification for the re-opening of Kid's Village. ALL FAMILIES MUST RE-ENROLL!

Looking forward,

Greg John
Principal