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Dear Friends and Families,

The 2017-2018 school year is fast approaching. For some of you it probably seems like it just ended, others are excited for our students to get back to learning☺ Regardless where I find you right now, I can't tell you how excited I am to be preparing for another amazing year of learning together. As I begin my 6th year at Mill Creek, I can't help but continue to look back and celebrate the partnership we have created as a learning community. It has been an amazing journey and I look forward to each day that I come to work and feel blessed that I have been honored to remain steadfast in my leadership of such a wonderful community of learners.

This year we will continue with our tradition of excellence as we celebrate the leadership in our students, faculty, and staff. Our theme reflects the level of commitment and passion to build "leaders of learning" in all students. Students and staff will be challenged this year to find their own unique leadership strength that not only yields individual success, but also promotes the success of others! *"We are Mill Creek. Building Leaders – Past, Present, and Future."* There is no greater gift than equipping our students with the leadership ability to lead those around them. Leadership will ensure success in the future!

Celebrating our students as leaders will be a priority this year and we look forward to embracing these opportunities with our families throughout the school year. We all know summer is a time to spend time with families and friends, however, I hope you have found a little time for reading and math. The time and connectedness through this experience means the world to a child and gives them endless opportunities to grow as a learner. Looking forward to seeing you back very soon! ***It is great to be a Mighty Mustang!***

With school beginning soon, I wanted to give you some information that may be helpful in the upcoming weeks:

Calendar:

Registration (going on NOW):

If you will **NOT** be returning to Mill Creek, please call 547-3720 and let us know immediately. We want to make sure that we are staffed correctly for the upcoming year.

Also, if you have new neighbors or know of new families that have not registered, please encourage them to do so ASAP. We know students are more successful when they are ready to start school the first day. In an effort to serve our families at the highest levels, SJCS D has increased the fidelity of enrollment requirements and we want to make sure families have time to collect all required paperwork.

PreK/Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher”:

August 8 – 6:00pm – 7:30pm

PreK and Kindergarten families are invited to meet their teacher, visit their classroom, and gain important information presented by administration regarding the upcoming school year. It is highly encouraged that all families plan to attend.

Students and families will begin in their assigned areas at 6:00PM. Families for new students and families that currently have students at Mill Creek are invited to attend an informational meeting with Mrs. Riedl and Mr. Watson at 6:45PM in the Mustang CAFÉ.

Last Name A – L – Go directly to child’s assigned classroom

Last Name M – Z – Go to bus rider location for further directions.

Additional Transportation Information: This year transportation will be on campus during Kindergarten Meet and Greet to acquaint our students with their bus drivers and bus. All students at Mill Creek are assigned as a bus rider OR walker, however, due to our location we have very few walkers. For this reason, I would like to ask that all parents visit the bus rider station and complete the steps requested. This will ensure that should a student’s dismissal need to change during the school year, all information will be updated.

As families complete the requested tasks in their 1st assigned location they will proceed to the alternative location. We will monitor the evening to ensure that all families have time to access both location before beginning the informational presentation.

Class assignments will be sent to parents via email August. 4, 2017.

Grade 1 – 5 Meet the Teacher:

August 9 – 9:00 – 12:00 -

10:00AM – New Family Orientation – MCES Cafe

Children and families are invited to visit their student’s classroom, meet the teacher and drop off school supplies. This time will not be dedicated to discovering classroom expectations, but rather becoming acquainted with the classroom and teacher. Learning routines and schedules will be discussed during Curriculum Nights on September 12. The Café and Extended Day staff will be available for parents to gain information regarding these programs.

First day of school:

August 10 – regular school hours (**FULL DAY - 8:10 – 2:50**)

Just a reminder: We ask that parents **DO NOT** plan to visit their child during lunch until Tuesday, September 5. This will allow our CAFÉ Leaders to establish CAFÉ routines and behaviors with our students.

In addition, we welcome parents to escort their child(ren) to class **until Friday, August 18, 2017**. At this time, we believe our students will have established independence and will be able to walk as an independent learner to their classroom. It is important that our students are confident learners! Thank you so much for your support as we begin this year.

Friday, August 4, an email will be sent introducing your student's new teacher for the school year. We are currently working on class placement and are super excited about sharing this information with you soon. Should you not have access to email or do not receive an email by Monday, August 7, please call the front office for assistance - 547 – 3720.

Although the teachers and staff listed below are not “new” to Mill Creek, they will be returning to our team with a different role in our learning community.

- Ms. Breslin and Mrs. Brumleve will join the 2nd grade team
- Ms. Kristin Cook will join the 2nd grade team as an Associate Teacher
- Mrs. Kristin Arnold and Mrs. Michelle Hernandez will join the 4th grade team
- Mrs. Jessica Schaeffer will join the 4th grade team as an Associate Teacher
- Mr. Drinkuth will join Mr. Larkin as a PE Teacher
- Mrs. Eleni Zagoraki will join the Media Team as the Media Para Professional

We are very excited about the new opportunities staff will gain this year as they transition into their new roles on our team!

Everything gets extremely busy this time of year as we gear up for another year of learning, however we are never too busy to answer your questions or listen to your concerns. Please contact the front office if we can be of any assistance.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you very soon!

Sincerely,

Amanda L. Riedl, Learning Leader

P.S. Don't forget about our Reading and Math summer learning challenges. I look forward to celebrating with students upon returning to school!