

Parents and Guardians,

This is Mrs. Vanderklis, Principal of Little Oak Middle School. I am placing this call to welcome you to another fantastic school year and to update you on a few things. First, a letter will be mailed out this morning to all of our students which will tell you your child's homeroom teacher and room number. Students should bring this information with them on the first day of school, which is Friday, August 6th. If you do not receive the letter before school begins, our staff will have a copy of everyone's schedule on hand. You should also check with our registrar to make sure we have your correct address. You might be required to bring in 3 proofs of residency. ALL students will report directly to their homeroom Friday morning and this letter will help them to remember where to go.

On the first day of school, it is NOT necessary for students to bring ALL their school supplies, as this would be very cumbersome. Instead, they should bring the amount that fits into their book bag without being too heavy to carry. The rest of the supplies can be brought in on Monday and Tuesday. Fourth graders, and 4th graders only, will have a "Meet and Greet", Thursday, August 5th, from 3:00 – 5:00, just come at your leisure. Parents who are able to attend the 4th grade Meet and Greet should bring their child's school supplies at that time. Remember, this is only for our 4th graders. If you do not receive your 4th grader's schedule before Meet and Greet, don't worry, we will have it for you when you arrive.

We are asking that our students ride the school bus on the first day of school. We have over 1,000 students enrolled at Little Oak and the traffic is always a bit nerve racking on the first day of school, as it usually backs up to Gause Blvd. Please note that our carline takes a RIGHT in front of Boyet Jr. High, travels around Boyet's campus on the gravel road, and then drops off at the edge of Boyet's parking lot. We will have duty personnel present.

Unfortunately, parents cannot drive or park in the bus lane, and is not room to park in our faculty parking lots, especially during construction that is currently taking place. Please keep in mind Boyet's faculty and staff begin arriving just before 8:00 so we cannot park on their campus. We will have extra personnel on hand on Friday and Monday with a printout of all student names and their homeroom number. All of our students will be in good hands. You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers during Open House later in August. Remember, parents are not permitted to enter the classrooms on the first day of school. This does cause additional anxiety and stress for our students.

If you would like to get a head start on some paperwork, the district's Free and Reduced Lunch Form is now online on our district's main web page! If you complete the application online, the approval rate is much faster. Also, if your child will attend Little Oak's aftercare the registration forms are available on our website. Be sure to read all forms because some changes have been made. Most importantly, the new Chromebook forms are being mailed home and should be completed and returned on the first day of school.

We are certainly looking forward to seeing all of our students on the first day and we hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing break. Since this call was rather lengthy, it will also be posted on our website for your convenience. Thank you for your continued support.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and productive, COVID free school year! As of today, masks are NOT required, but encouraged. When I get an update, I will send out a new robo call. Looking forward to seeing you soon.