Eagle Families –

We are one week closer to the start of school and the energy around campus is incredible. Our teachers have been returning to campus to set up their rooms and are working together in planning for the return of our favorite friend: OUR STUDENTS! We all cannot wait to greet them back on campus on August 10th.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** - **August 8th from 5:00 – 7:30**

To kick-off this school year, Neil Armstrong Academic Boosters will be throwing a Back-to-School Bash on August 8th from 5:00 – 7:30. This is a wonderful opportunity to host a community event to build connections with one another. Student and families will have a chance to reconnect with those that they have not had a chance to see all summer, prior to the school year beginning. During this event, the following activities will take place:

* School pictures will be taken in the MPR
* School Tours will be available (provided by former students) for any students unfamiliar with our school. (Please note: classrooms will not during this event)
* Parent organizations will be here chatting with families about the coming year
* Ice cream will be provided by our Academic Boosters (NAAB)
* Music will be playing on the blacktop
* Recess equipment will be available

In addition, on the 8th, we will provide an opportunity from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM for students to take pictures should they not be able to make it to the night event, or if your family just wants to take those ahead of time. Please note, we will have a make-up picture day in September, during the school day, if your student is not able to attend on the 8th.

None of the events that we do are possible without parent support. If you are able to volunteer to pass out picture cards or ice cream for the event, please visit this link, as there are still spaces available to support us and make this event happen: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A723A3FD0-back>

**REGISTRATION**

Speaking of support, a huge THANK YOU to all families that have completed the registration for Neil Armstrong and your generous contribution towards our school programs. Your donations allow for us to staff essential positions, such as our librarian, Kinder classroom instructional assistants, and instructional aides in reading, writing, and math for all students. Additionally, these funds also allow for our teachers to purchase essential classroom supplies. Your donations are sincerely appreciated. If you have not yet had the chance, please complete your registration here: <https://naes.futurefund.com/registration> . Thank you for your continued partnership in your child’s education.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – August 10th from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Back to school night is a PARENTS ONLY night for you to meet your student(s) teachers in their classrooms while also giving you an opportunity to see previous years’ teachers and others who support your student during the school day. On August 10th, we will be hosting our Back-to-school night from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

We will start at 6:00 in the classrooms with the teachers to hear from them about themselves and their classes for this upcoming school year. Beyond the logistics of a class, I hope you hear about the passion for education, the care for students, and the commitment we have to the whole child and their growth.

 Around 6:30, I will invite all parents to the back stage of the blacktop where I will be chatting with you for just a few minutes and welcoming you to the year ahead. I will also be able to introduce a few changes to our staff this year and hopefully help you feel our collective excitement for the year ahead.

Around 6:40, I will direct you to visit the tables that we will have on the blacktop so you can meet the additional staff who will be supporting your student this year. You will be able to visit the following tables:

* Grade Level Table: say hello to the other teachers working with your student this year or teacher from previous years who made an impact on your student
* PE and Science teachers who support your student each week
* Library
* Support Services
* Academic Boosters (NAAB)
* PTA
* AND MORE!!!

I know this is different than a traditional Back-to-School night, however I strongly want to emphasize the whole community of people who are here to support all of our students. Our school extends beyond the classroom walls, and I hope you will able to leave that night feeling inspired about the year ahead and confident that your students are in great hands!

**CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

Lastly, I have attached a calendar for the month of August, as all of the start and end times of the school day can be confusing during the first month. With the First Day of School Schedule, Wednesday schedules, Assessment Schedules, and Slip Schedules for Kinder and First Grades, we know it can be tough to remember. I wanted you to have all of this information in one place for your reference to hopefully simplify this for you.

 As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I cannot wait to see you all soon!

Take Care,

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