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Dear Key School Families:

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful start to the school year so far and your child is adjusting to school hours smoothly.

Last school year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories and they will be returning this year:

- Sunrise Afterschool Program for all students (depending on space)
- Stem Lego Robotics Club for upper grade students
- Rock Reach Dance Program for 1st grade
- Einstein's Eat Right Now Nutrition Program for all grades
- Chi Dance Program in the 3rd grade
- Our Academic Parent Teacher Team Initiative where teachers in grades K-3 hosted parent meetings three times a year and shared new ideas and games with parents. We will continue this!
- Girls on The Run 5K in December, can't wait for a new season this year!
- El Barrio Ed Project Sanctuary after school program for upper grade students
- Read Across America week of events
- Opera Philadelphia partnership and residency in 4th grade, which will begin very soon!
- Spirit Day Festivities in June

We have been preparing for an incredible new school year. All students enjoy a delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day.

We are also delighted to welcome a few new additions and changes to our staff:

New Staff:

- *Ms. Jenna Camacho, Music Teacher*
- *Mr. Ryan Dinon, Special Education Teacher for Grades 4th-6th*
- *Ms. Ashley Song, 4th Grade Teacher*
- *Ms. Jennifer Chiu, Speech Teacher*
- *Ms. Alexis Grandy, School Psychologist*

Staff Grade and Role Changes:

- *Mr. Ben Vera, 6th Grade Teacher*
- *Mr. Kyle Iovannoni, Dean of Students*

- Ms. Lisa Yuk Kuen Yau , 5th Grade Teacher
- Ms. An Nguyen, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Ms. Mary Jane Thompson, 1st Grade Teacher
- Ms. Erica Darken, 5th Grade ESOL Teacher

In addition, Key School received the following building improvements over the summer:

- *Air conditioning units installed in all 3rd floor classrooms, Art Room, Music Rooms, and Gym.*
- *Newly renovated Library! We are still awaiting our new library furniture, once everything is complete, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony.*
- *Pavement blocks that needed to be replaced and repaved were completed in the school yard. New concrete steps for the back entrances in the school yard were completed.*

Coming soon:

- *Six Trees to be planted in late November by the fences where the mulch has been placed.*
- *Outdoor classroom and narrow soccer field with artificial turf to be installed.*
- *Student restroom full renovation in the Summer of 2023.*

Be sure to visit our school webpage for important updates at <https://key.philasd.org>.

I also want to invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night Wednesday, September 21st, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m beginning in the back school yard.** We will have community tables out in the school yard and a special announcement from our local state representative, Mrs. Elizabeth Fiedler regarding our school yard beautification. This will also be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year.

Together, we can make this school year our best one yet! Team Work Makes the Dream Work!

In Partnership,

Pauline Cheung
Principal