



August 26, 2016

Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer! At West Side, we are preparing for the 2016 – 2017 school year and are excited that the beginning is just around the corner.

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 6th, which is a full day. Children should bring lunch or be prepared to purchase food in our cafeteria. Any student purchasing lunch will need to know his or her ID number. Our new system can be accessed through the website: www.myschoolbucks.com. It is a good idea to send your child with a snack as well.

During our first week of school, we will be recognizing and celebrating our *Summer Reading Program* with a culminating event on Friday, September 9th. All students should be prepared with their reading selections. Additionally, all students will receive their agenda books. Please take time to review the school information in the front of this student planner as a family.

Class placements have been posted on the Parent Portal. As you know, a great deal of time, care and attention are given to forming classes; and we have the utmost confidence in our process. Therefore, no changes to class placements will be made. We are confident your child will have a wonderful experience.

Students entering the 5th and 6th grade will once again be working with a team of teachers who are listed below:

Ms. Agnello.....5th and 6th Grade Social Studies
Mr. Arloff.....5th Grade Reading and 6th Grade Writing
Ms. DeRosa.....5th Grade Math and 6th Grade Science
Ms. Gerver.....5th Grade Science and 6th Grade Math
Ms. Scanlon.....5th Grade Writing and 6th Grade Reading

On **Monday, August 29th from 12:00 – 2:00 PM**, West Side will be open for parents and children who would like to become more familiar with the building. Please enter through the Airplane Wing on Stewart Lane. Also, please understand that the building will still be undergoing final improvements in preparation for the opening day of school, and some rooms may be closed due to this work. As always, all students should be accompanied by an adult at all times.

I look forward to meeting our new students and welcoming back those who are returning!

Warmest Regards,

Kurt Simon

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