



# McKINLEY SCHOOL

*Demonstrating Excellence in ETK-8th Grade Education*

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July 2018

Roaring Tigers,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We hope you've all been having a lovely summer filled with sunshine, rest, and adventures. I always say that the last day of the school year is my least favorite day. It means that I have to wait 10 weeks to see all of my students back together again. I can't wait to see how much they've grown and hear all about those summer adventures.

I know our faculty have been enjoying their summers too; yet are eager to have their students back in our hallways and to start another year of learning. The administrative team is hard at work this summer with staffing and preparing for the new school year. You should expect several announcements over the next couple weeks announcing our newest members of the McKinley family.

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

- August 8-10<sup>th</sup>- Teachers return for Professional Development
- Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>- Opening Day
  - 2:00-2:30- Middle School Orientation in the Auditorium, including: Middle School Policies and Procedures and Overview to Middle School Life at McKinley.
  - 2:30-5:30- Student Orientation: Pick up class schedules and teacher assignments; order yearbooks; purchase uniforms; join the PTA; learn about AAPC, ELAC, VAPA, Equity, and Annual Fund; get Middle School lockers; apply for Free & Reduced Lunch; Access the Parent Portal; Cheer Team Uniform fittings; Get Key Student and Parent Information; Meet Administration; and Middle School Textbooks; Sign Up to Volunteer; Sign Up for Valet.
  - 3:00-3:30- TK/Kinder Round Up: Orientation, including: class norms, homework expectations, field trips, volunteering, and protocols for dismissal, absences, and tardies.
- Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>- The First Day of School for students.

## **First Day of School**

School begins at 8:25 am for Middle School and 8:45 am for Elementary School. As a reminder, campus opens at 8:05 am each day. Middle School students assemble in the court yard and head into class on the first bell at 8:20 am. Elementary students assemble on the concrete pad between the playground and cafeteria. Students should be in their teacher's line at 8:35 am for Morning Round Up. Reminder to parents, students dismiss to their teachers at Round Up and parents exit directly through the Breezeway Gate. Special Note to TK/Kinder Families: PTA's annual Tears for Cheers event is under the pergola at 8:40 am.

## **Traffic Plan**

- Student Valet Drop Off is on the EL Molino side of school. Reminder to not release your student from the car until you reach the North end of the parking lot by the B Building.
- Walkers enter campus through the Breezeway Gate off of Oak Knoll

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Please consider volunteering your time and talents here at McKinley this year. The opportunities and different ways to get involved are unique and varied. There are also many opportunities to get involved through our African American Parent Council (AAPC), Annual Fund Boosters, English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC), Equity Parent Committee, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), School Site Council (SSC), and Visual and Performing Arts Committee (VAPA). See the enclosed dates for meetings for these fantastic groups here at MKS.

The entire staff and I are so looking forward to this coming school year. Our focus remains threefold: our commitment to quality and rigorous instruction through the use of the Workshop Model to ensure that each child learns and grows; fostering caring classroom communities where students are happy, safe, and thrive; and using Arts lessons and arts integration to connect students to their learning and to their interests so that the while child is nurtured this year.

We welcome your enthusiasm, participation, and support this year as we dive into an exciting and successful school year.

See you all at Opening Day on August 10<sup>th</sup> and on the first day of school, August 13<sup>th</sup>!

Go Tigers!

Yours in Service,

Nicole Ann Duquette,

Proud Principal of the Roaring Tigers

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