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MARY GAGE PETERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPENING DAY: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Welcome back to school year 2016-2017!! It is going to be a great year.

In order to make sure the first day goes as smoothly as possible, please review this information.

- ✓ The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6, 2016.
- ✓ School starts at 8:45am and goes to 3:45pm every day.
- ✓ Breakfast is available every morning at 8:15am in the cafeteria for students only.
- ✓ Please be at school by 8:30am on the first day.
- ✓ Peterson strongly encourages families to walk to school.
- ✓ Drop-offs on Kimball for PK and K should be made quickly and only in the “Drop-and-Go” lanes.
- ✓ Students should go to the following entrances the first day and every day for entry:
 - Door #1 on the Plaza: Grades 1, 2
 - *Please Note: In order to ensure that all students and community members/parents are safe, starting on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, only students are allowed on the plaza.*
 - Door #3 on Kimball: PreK and Kindergarten
 - Door #7 on Catalpa: Grades 3, 4 and 5
 - Door #10 on Christiana: Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Middle School students enter every day at 8:35am.
- ✓ Inclement Weather Line-Up:
 - PreK, K, 1, 2: Cafeteria
 - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade: Main Hallway, 4th Grade Hallway, 5th Grade Hallway
 - 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Middle School Hallway
- ✓ *All PreK parents will be allowed to enter the building with their child throughout the year and should exit through the Kimball door.*
- ✓ *Parents of students in K, 1, and 2 will be allowed into the building until 8:50 on the first day only. Starting Wednesday, September 7, 2016, for safety reasons, K students must say goodbye to their children at the Kimball entrance, and 1st and 2nd students at the bottom of the plaza. If parents wish to stay with their child they should wait with him or her at the bottom of the plaza.*
- ✓ *Anyone who needs to register on the first day should go to the auditorium after signing in the main office. Mrs. Marti Hindaileh will be in the auditorium to assist parents. Registration will take place the week of August 22, 2016, at Peterson Elementary.*
- ✓ Supplies: Peterson DOES NOT ask families to purchase their own supplies. The student fee is \$50.00, and this helps to cover the cost of supplies. Please remember to submit your student fee as soon as possible.
- ✓ You can get information in the following ways:
 - Website (<http://peterson.cps.edu>). The master calendar is on the home page.
 - Twitter: @MGPPPrincipal
 - Phone: 773-534-5070
 - E-mail: ekkane@cps.edu (Kate Kane, Principal)
 - sgtopel@cps.edu (Scott Topel, Assistant Principal)
 - kgomez43@cps.edu (Karem Gómez, Resident Principal)

Help needed! If you are available to assist students and parents on the first day of school from 8am-9:30am, please contact Amy Washington at aywashington@cps.edu. Thanks in advance!