

July 1, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Welcome to A. Z. Kelley Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. I would like to welcome all of our returning families along with our new Pre-K and Kindergarten students. I look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 3. The first day is a half-day for all students. Pre-K and Kindergarten families will have a Meet and Greet the Teacher on Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 5 until 6 p.m. This will be an informal, come-and-go opportunity for students and parents to meet the teacher and see the school before the first day.

It is my goal to have everyone fully registered and ready to begin class on the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016, which will be a half-day. Pre-K students will dismiss at 10:30 a.m. and all other students at 11:30 a.m. on the first day. Also, please remember Thursday, Aug. 4 is a teacher in-service day, and students do not report. The second day, Friday, August 5, is a full day (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.) for grades 1 - 4, and a half-day for pre-K students (10:30 a.m. dismissal) and Kindergarten students (11:30 a.m. dismissal).

If you wish to bring your child to school and meet the teacher on the first day, I encourage you to arrive early (doors will open at 7:30 a.m.). We have limited parking on our campus. In order to allow our busses into the driveway and not block the Marshall employees and families, please come and go quickly so that others may use your parking spot.

If you are picking your child up from school for dismissal on the first day of school, please be prepared to wait a minimum of one hour to get through the line. About 90% of our students are car riders on the first day of school and many the first week of school. The car rider line, located in front of the school, will move quicker after the first week. Last year the line was eliminated by 3:15 p.m. daily and sometimes sooner. Please wait in your cars for your children, and do not park and come up to the front door to take them. The exception is Pre-K students, because Pre-K parents are required to come to the classroom for pick up and sign out their children. We would like students to learn the procedure on the first day of school. Please be patient. The first day dismissal is an exercise in endurance for everyone.

The Standard School Attire Policy will be enforced on the first day of school. Last year after winter break, we had special school spirit days on Fridays. This will be considered again for this school year, but for the first nine weeks, students must wear Standard School Attire every day. Please refer to the handbook that will come home the first day of school regarding SSA.

Our focus at A. Z. Kelley this year will be to continue to implement the Tennessee Standards while providing rigor, relevance and relationships for our students. The expectations continue to increase, and I am confident that our students will meet and often exceed them. Because the students at A. Z. Kelley are the smartest, brightest and

most creative children in the world, it is my expectation that all A. Z. Kelley students will graduate from high school and be prepared to attend college should they choose that path.

I am looking forward to meeting all of our new students and their families. Please know that your child is my No. 1 customer and concern. I have worked diligently to maintain an exemplary and talented faculty and staff to serve your children and make our school, A. Z. Kelley Elementary, the pride of Nashville. I am looking forward to another great year.

Respectfully,
Marsha Dunn
Principal