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Dear Keene Families,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the summer and getting ready for the 2022-2023 school year. We once again want to express our thanks to you, our students, and our staff for your support over the last few years as we have navigated this pandemic together. This newsletter contains a lot of information, but as always please reach out if you have any questions.

There will be an informal Open House on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. You will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see where your child's classroom is located, meet the Specials teachers, support staff, and tour Keene. We will also be hosting a Moe's Popup Fundraiser on Taco Tuesday, September 20th for Keene Elem. School PTO. This means you can take the night off from cooking while supporting a great organization! These Take-home Family Fajita Kits are ready to eat when you get home, making your night easier, plus for every kit sold, \$5 will be donated to Keene Elem. School PTO.

The Meal Kits feed 4-6, come with all the fixings, and are \$44.99. Choose from chicken, ground beef, ½ chicken and ½ ground beef, or vegetarian. More information to come!

The new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 for grades 1st-5th. All Kindergarten students will have a full day starting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. The Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 6th from 10:00-11:00. This will take place in the Keene cafeteria. ***Bus transportation will NOT be provided for kindergarten on Tuesday, September 6th, so parents are required to transport students to and from orientation.*** The orientation will provide you with the opportunity to meet the classroom teachers and to discuss important information regarding transportation, school supplies, and other kindergarten specific topics.

Academic success, discipline and safety of all students are our priority! Our mission at Keene is as follows: To unite the diverse talents of staff, parents, communities and students into a positive, supportive, caring partnership that seeks academic, social and emotional success for each child in a safe environment. We will continue to use our Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program and Restorative Practices at Keene. We have had great success with both. PBS emphasizes that all students stick to the Four Keene "Koalaty" Principles: Show Respect – Follow Directions – Act Responsibly – Always Do Your Personal "Koalaty" Best. We will also be heading into our second year as a Leader in Me school. Leader is Me is an evidenced based, comprehensive

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need to help your student exit the vehicle that you either park in the lot and walk them to the front doors or wait and pull all the way up to the cone at the front of the line.

Dismissal: We will begin dismissal at 3:50 with car riders followed by bus riders. If your child is a car rider, please pull into the circle and display your child's identification card on your rear view mirror. These will be given out the first day of school. You must bring photo identification with you every day. Your child will not be released to you without proper identification. Anyone that you wish to be able to pick your child up must be listed on the emergency card and bring proper identification.

Information: Information will be shared using Class Dojo and/or emailed out via Peachjar so please make sure that we have your correct email address and phone number. Keene also utilizes our website to share information, <http://www.keenees.org>. Additionally, we have a Twitter account (@KeeneElementary) and a Facebook page (Keene (William B.) Elementary School) that we will use to send out updates and quick announcements as we go through the school year.

Upcoming Calendar Events

September 9th: Patriotic Day-wear red, white, and blue

September 13th: No School

September 20th: Moe's fundraiser

September 26th: School Closed

September 27th: Formal Open House for Kindergarten-2nd grades from 6:00-7:00 (adults only)

September 29th: Formal Open Houser for 3rd-5th grades from 6:00-7:00 (adults only)

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at Keene!

Sincerely,

Mariellen Taraboletti
Principal

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