

Dear Coolidge Families,

WELCOME BACK to the 2020-2021 school year. I hope you had a wonderful summer spending time with your family. The Coolidge staff is excited to begin this school year with you. I know that it will look and feel a little different than other years but it is still an exciting time. Below you will find a lot of important information. I know that you may have more questions and in time those questions will be answered as quickly as possible. We are always here for you.

We are looking forward to a great year at Coolidge Elementary. As always, our staff is committed to beginning the year building relationships with students and creating a positive, caring classroom culture. Over these next few weeks, teachers will be engaged in professional development with a focus on remote learning, setting up their classrooms and as always are looking forward to meeting their students. We will be working hard to maintain our amazing family feel whether you have chosen Livonia Virtual for your child or will be starting the year remotely and returning face to face. We will communicate with you often these next few weeks as we prepare for our Return to Learn. We will be showing patience and grace to our staff, students and families as we work through the transition from remote learning to face to face.

We may not know all the answers...but we do know that we are going to do everything possible to keep everyone safe, create the best learning environments possible, and show deep care for our students and staff everyday! Our [Community With Character](#) and what we value as an LPS family will be more important than ever.

I am sure you have many questions and we are working on answering these questions as quickly as possible. The LPS Dialogue will be coming out soon which will include critical dates, times and start of the year information. We strongly recommend you continue to visit our [district website](#) and the [Return To Learn](#) page which has an informative [FAQ](#). Our website houses the most timely information about our back to school plans.

Below are some additional details you may have on your mind:

- Kindergarten Roundup(K-4 buildings) will NOT take place August 27, 2020 as previously planned. Instead, all elementary schools are working on a plan to safely invite all students to our classrooms to meet their in person or Livonia Virtual teacher. At that time we will also be able to distribute school materials needed to work at home either remotely or as part of Livonia Virtual. Those invitational visits will take place during the week of September 8. You can look for an invitation prior to Labor Day weekend.
- Yearbooks are delayed this year. Lifetouch will keep our school updated on the date that we will receive them. More information to come.
- We know you are all excited to receive school supply lists. We are working on a respectful list that will include Each school will email their school supply lists and publish them on their website no later than August 26, 2020.

- A process for borrowing district technology will be shared on August 31, 2020. The goal is to have devices reserved for families that do not have adequate access for remote learning. There is no need to send email requests for mobile devices at this time.
- As in the past, teacher assignments will be available in [Parent Connect](#) after 4:00 pm on September 2, 2020. See attached.
- You can also be sure to find a remote learning and Livonia Virtual teaching schedule shared over the next few weeks.

Once again, thank you for your understanding and patience as we move forward over the next few weeks. Our building secretaires will return to work on Monday, August 24th. At this time we are asking our families to make appointments if they need to meet with our office staff. Please remember to check our website and twitter for more updates throughout the year. Community communication will be sent out every Friday afternoon in a document known as 'This Week At Coolidge'.

Looking forward to a wonderful year with our Coolidge Cougars!

Warmly,

Kristi Collyer