

Greetings Gator Families,

It is unbelievable that we are at the end of summer and school is just a few weeks away. I hope you have found ways to enjoy the warmth of summer while keeping your family safe. My family and I have been able to enjoy the sunshine and now we are all gearing up to get back to school. We look forward to the routine. However, my kids will be dreading the alarm clock.

We are looking forward to a great year at Grant. 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.

- 2019-2020 yearbooks have not been received to date. Information will be shared once they arrive in the building.
- We know you are all excited to receive school supply lists. We are working on a respectful list that we will email and publish them on our 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.

Our secretary staff will be back in the office next week. Please call to make an appointment if they can be of assistance. We are excited to interact with our Grant families again whether it be safely in person or remotely. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Respectfully,

Jen Keatts