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Dear Grove Patterson Academy Parents:

Another year has come and gone at Grove Patterson Academy, and what a wonderful year it was. It has been a privilege for me to watch our children growth both academically and socially. I wanted to take this opportunity to share information with you about the upcoming school year. As many of you know Ms. Karen retired effective July 1st. Ms. Linda will be joining us and will be a welcome asset to the GPA Team. She has been working hard over the summer preparing records, requesting transportation, and meeting families who stop by. Her email is lwilliam4@tps.org. I would also like to take this time to introduce and officially welcome all new staff to our GPA Family and announce some in-house changes:

~Maiya Phenix will be the new Intervention Specialist

~Natalie Jenkins will be the new Grade 4 teacher. She will be taking over for Mrs. Valentine who will stepping back into the Grade 1/Grade 2 loop.

~Michelle Hiser will be the new Grade 6 teacher taking over for Mrs. Carr who was the long term sub last year.

~Megan Huskins who will be the new Kindergarten teaching taking over for Mrs. Macino who retired.

I would like to thank all families in advance for your patience and encouragement as our new staff becomes familiar with all of our families and the policies and procedures at GPA. Everyone is excited to get to know all new and returning families. If you have not already stopped by our Facebook page, check out the bios of all of our new staff members.

School starts on Thursday, August 18, 2022. This will be a half day of school for all students in grades 1-8. Bus Riders dismiss starting at 10:30 a.m. and all walkers and riders dismiss after all busses have left the bus loop. Traditionally this occurs between 10:45-11:00 a.m. This date is subject to change and will be announced through all avenues if this occurs. Kindergarten students first day is Monday, August 29, 2022. This is also a full day of school. All Kindergarten students must participate in a screening that takes place August 18th-August 26th. If you have not signed up for a Kindergarten Screening Time please do so at www.myconferencetime.com/gpaconferences. You should sign up under your child's assigned teacher.

School hours will remain the same. Doors open for all bus riders at 7:45 a.m. Students are able to enter the classrooms beginning at 7:55 a.m. and are late if they are not in their classrooms by 8:10 a.m. We will be changing the start time for our Success for All Reading program for grades 1-8 this year to the beginning of the school day so it is imperative that little disruption is caused to the school day. Success for All will be held 8:20-9:50 a.m. We are asking that all appointments etc. are scheduled either after school or after 9:50 a.m. We will make every attempt not to interrupt the classroom during that time. We are unsure how the district will handle breakfast this school year, so once it is decided; I will notify you of how this will affect arrival times. Dismissal will occur for all bus riders starting at 2:25 p.m. All walkers and riders will be dismissed around 2:35 p.m. There is no YMCA childcare on the first day of school. We ask for your understanding and patience during the first couple weeks of school as we ensure that all students know their correct bus locations. If your child rode the bus last year, they will be riding the same bus for the 22-23 school year. If you would like to make any changes or add a new sibling you must submit the new request on the link. No requests will be taken over the phone to make this process as smooth as possible. [GPA Transportation Form](#)

If you are interested in YMCA child care, you must contact Rachele Wells at rachelewells@ymcatoledo.org or via phone at 419.214.1875. Open House will take place on Wednesday, August 17th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Students get a chance to meet their teacher, see new and former classmates and tour the building. Students can also drop off their school supplies during this time as well. A copy of the school supply list is available on our website at www.grovepattersonpto.org. The list is attached to this email as well.

The school office will re-open on Monday, August 1, 2022. Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. each day. I do check my email periodically over these last few days of summer, however I appreciate your patience if I do not respond right away. I have a couple of vacations planned and may not have access to email, but do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

To help prepare programming and supports for next school year, I am requesting all families to complete a brief survey. The last day to complete this survey will be Sunday, July 31, 2022. The QR Code is at the bottom of this letter or you can click on this link. [Parent Survey Link](#)

The new Enrollment online registration and demographic update tool for Toledo Public Schools makes it easy for families to complete school forms, share their students' information, update contact information, and eliminate errors from paper forms. Use of Enrollment improves communication with students' buildings and teachers, saves time with an online connection available 24/7 from any device, and keeps information secure. **Stay in touch with us!**

Existing TPS families, find the link to Enrollment in your Parent Portal account!

Families new to TPS, please click on the appropriate link below to create your account:

English:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap?action=200000606&culture=en>

Chinese:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=200000606&culture=zh>

Spanish:

<https://enrollment.powerschool.com/family/gosnap?action=200000606&culture=es>

To learn more, check out the Enrollment page: https://www.tps.org/students_parents/enrollment

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing our Grove Patterson Academy students on Thursday, August 18th.



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Grove Patterson Academy, Principal

