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Dear Parents of New Middle School Students,

Greetings from the Key Middle School! As a follow up to the message you received from Tom Rossini last week, I am writing to personally welcome you and your children to our Middle School community next year. It was nice to see many of you during our virtual meeting at the end of May. We are delighted to be adding such unique and talented students to our school and we will do everything we can to make your family's transition to Key School a smooth one.

As you perhaps have seen on the "[New-to-Key](#)" webpage, the [summer reading information](#) is now available on the Key School website. We value summer reading as reinforcement of reading and thinking skills, as an opportunity for a rich exchange of literature-based ideas among family members, and as a reference point for teachers in discussing other books and related themes throughout the year. I believe your children will find a variety of interesting books to enrich their summer. For sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, we have also posted the [math review packets](#) to complete over the summer. For fifth grade students, those packets were mailed to you in hard copy, and we have extra copies in the Middle School Office. We suggest that students complete those packets gradually over the course of the summer to keep their math skills fresh, knowing that teachers will review those packets and skills at the start of the school year.

There are also some basic supplies that all students will need at the beginning of next year. In order to help you avoid the end-of-summer rush to purchase supplies, we have posted the [supply list](#) so that you have more flexibility to obtain those supplies in a way that is most convenient for you.

As I look to next year, it is very important for me to get to know you and to build a partnership with you. I always learn so much about our children from their parents, which will help us with their transition to Key. Toward that end, I would like to meet with each of you in August or during the first weeks of the year so that we can begin the school year having established a personal and direct relationship that will benefit your children next year and beyond. By August, we might be able to meet in person, but I am happy to have a virtual meeting if that is necessary or preferable. Please contact Heather Nye in the Middle School office ([hnye@keyschool.org](mailto:hnye@keyschool.org) or 443-.321.7876) to arrange these one-on-one meetings.

I know that changing schools can be an adjustment for students and families. Sometimes just coming on campus and connecting with some teachers and me can alleviate some of the nervousness and answer questions. As I mentioned in our virtual meeting in May, I am hopeful that I can invite you and your children to campus prior to the beginning of the school year. We typically have an orientation for new students prior to the start of school. More information about our plans for orientation will be communicated as soon as possible.

I hope your children have an active and exciting summer that brings them to school next fall with many stories, a refreshed mind, and thoughtful goals for what should be a wonderful year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my assistant, [Heather Nye](#), or me at your convenience.

Best Regards,

[David Magnus](#)