



Dear New First School Families,

Welcome to Key School's First School Division. I hope you are well and enjoying the early days of summer. It was so nice to meet so many of you and your children throughout the winter Admissions season and again at our mid-May family gathering. It was clear that both children and adults were making important initial connections with one another. It was a pleasure to see! We are thrilled that you will be joining our community and are eager to share with you our dynamic, whole-child approach to early childhood education.

As you begin to consider your student's start to the new school year, please visit the [New-to-Key](#) page on our school website, found under the Admissions tab. On this page you will find our 2024-2025 school calendar, school health forms and more. You can also find out more about the [summer reading challenge](#) for our First and Lower School students. Reading aloud to your child is such an important activity that supports cognitive growth, language development and emotional connection.

As calendars tend to fill quickly around the start of the school year, I want to make you aware of a few important dates:

Monday, August 19 and Tuesday, August 20: These days are set aside for families to schedule brief conferences with their student's teacher prior to the start of the school year. These meetings are a terrific way to begin to establish the home/school partnership. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a conference in mid-August.

Friday, August 23: Student Orientation, 10:00 a.m. New and returning families are invited to visit campus and homeroom classes to meet teachers and classmates.

Monday, August 26: First day of school for five-day students.

Tuesday, August 27: First day of school for three-day students.

You can expect to receive a detailed letter about new faculty, teacher summer work and further information about the start of the school year in late July. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at the phone number or email address below.

With summer days ahead, I hope you find wonderful ways to spend time with your child. Take time to read aloud, explore outside and talk with your student about new and familiar experiences.

All the best,

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