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Dear Athletes and Parents,

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Hello and welcome to the new season of elementary boys' basketball. I am Coach Mullin and I will be stepping back into the role of head coach this season and am extremely excited to get things kicked off on January 2nd, 2025. We will be welcoming Coach Lars Kvaalen on board with us this year. He currently moved back to the area and has expressed an interest in being a part of the coaching staff and we are excited to have him.

At this level we can expect a learning environment and I look forward to the challenge of teaching the basics of the game to all the young athletes who choose to participate. I am a competitive individual who wants to be the best at whatever I choose to do and hope to pass that same spirit onto my players. Winning may not be the top priority, but we do keep score and we certainly hope to win as many games as possible while working on our skills and progressing towards the next level of basketball. I hope the boys are as excited as I am and are ready to bring a good attitude and willingness to learn with them. We will be bringing up the 4th grade students just like we have done in the past and from the sounds of our numbers we may need all the participation we can get. So please encourage your kids to join the team and let's learn together. There are a few things on my list that I would like to get out before we get the season started.

- A missed practice a day prior to the game will result in the student/athlete not being allowed to play in the games that weekend or following day. (Any excused absences for dr appointments or items of that nature will be granted)
- I expect the students/athletes to have the utmost respect for themselves, each other, and myself included. There will be zero tolerance for any bullying of any kind and any level of disrespect directed at myself or my assistant.
- Playing time is a privilege and not a given right. We want to see all our student/athletes get time on the floor but it is earned by the way they conduct themselves in practices in the week/weeks leading up to game time. I will not have conversations after a game about playing time and please adhere to the 24 hour rule.

A few items they will need to bring with them the following to the first day of practice.

- Pair of basketball shoes of their choosing
- Pair of athletic shorts
- Jersey or Shirt
- Water Bottle
- Physical form signed and on file with the school or turned into me before first practice (they **CANNOT** practice without this)
- Any medical supplies (inhalers, epi pens, braces, etc...) if needed

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me. Cell: 406-480-1416

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