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Back-to-School Welcome Letter – 2026-2027

August/September 2026

Dear Katherine Thomas Elementary Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year at Katherine Thomas Elementary! We hope you are as excited as we are for the 2026-2027 school year! Our staff has been hard at work preparing classrooms, lessons, and activities that will ensure your child's year is filled with learning, growth, and positive experiences. Miss Nita has been hard at work getting folders prepared, so please **return all** required forms by **Friday, September 4, 2025**.

This year, we are excited to welcome several new faces—and some familiar ones in new roles—who are joining our amazing school community:

- **Mr. Rosebaugh** will be moving to **3rd Grade ELA**.
- **Mrs. Haueter** will be moving to **1st Grade**.
- **Mrs. Peters** will be moving to **1st Grade**.
- **Miss Hoffman** will be joining the team as our **new Kindergarten teacher**.
- **Mrs. Nichols** will be joining the team as our **new Kindergarten teacher**.
- **Miss Polewchak** will be joining the team as our **new 2nd grade teacher**.
- **Mr. Porter** will be joining the team as our **new 4th grade Math teacher**.
- **Miss Kufchak** will be joining the team as our **new Cross-Categorical Intervention Specialist**.
- **Mrs. Takacs** will be joining our team as an **educational aide**.

With these new team members and the continued dedication of our returning staff, we are confident that this school year will be full of opportunities for every child to thrive. Our focus remains on creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment where each student is supported and challenged to do their best.

Please note the following:

- **School Hours: 8:15 am -3:15 pm**
 - Breakfast is served from 8:20 am - 8:40 am
 - Your child must be in the building at 8:40 am
 - Dismissal begins at 3:15 pm
 - **All car riders must be picked up by 3:30 pm**

- **Drop off and Pick Up Procedures:**
 - **Car Riders**
 - **Morning** drop off is at the North side door (closest to the turnpike)
 - **NO parking**, cars are to proceed in a single file fashion, along the curb, once past the bus lane.
 - **AFTERNOON PICK UP PROTOCOL**
 - **If your child will consistently be an afternoon car rider, you MUST:**
 - sign up in the main office with Nita.
 - you will be issued a number and given 2 cards with that number (to be displayed in the vehicle picking up your child(ren))
 - Provide the two names of who is permitted to pick
 - **NO parking**, cars are to proceed in a single file fashion, along the curb, once past the bus lane.
 - Any changes must be made by calling Nita.
 - Pick up privileges may be revoked if these rules are not followed.
 - This is for the **SAFETY** of all of our children!
 - **Buses** may be running behind for the first few days. Please be patient as drivers adjust to their routes.
- **Free lunch and breakfast** continues for all students every day this year.
- **School Supplies:** PTO has collected enough supplies to cover required school supplies for all grade levels! Thank you PTO!
- Ensure you sign up for Class Dojo to receive important updates throughout the year.
- **Please make sure to call the office at 330-326-9800 if your child will be absent or for any change to transportation.**
- Emergency Medical paper must be returned to the office by **September 4, 2026**. These must be turned in for students to attend any field trips throughout the year.

We are excited to see what this year brings!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Weiss

Principal, Katherine Thomas Elementary