August 2016

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians(s) and Students:

I hope this letter finds your family enjoying all that summer brings. The beginning of the school year will be here before we know it. This letter contains important back to school information for your student(s). We are continuing our use of primarily online and email communications.

K-8 Registration Information
Online enrollment and fee payment options are available to save you time.

A complete registration includes two parts:

1. Completing the student enrollment online.
2. Paying student fees (online or in person) or making payment arrangements.

Online Enrollment

1. You can access the enrollment website at: http://www.kusd.edu/enroll

Online Fee Payment

Directions for Online Fee Payment are available on the website listed above.

In Person Enrollment and Fee Payment

For those preferring to take care of enrollment and fee payment in person, Registration Day at Dimensions is Tuesday, August 16, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Computers will be available here for you to use.

You have the option to drop off your 1st - 4th grade student's supplies on this date. Please be sure they are in a clearly marked bag. (Students may bring them on the first day of school as usual.)

Your Choices

- Forms may be completed online prior to August 16 OR in person at school on August 16.
- All enrollment forms and fee payments are due by August 17th.
- Credit cards are accepted for both online and in person fee payment.
- Cash, check, or credit card may be used for in person fee payment. Please make checks payable to Dimensions of Learning Academy.
Student fees are:

**Kindergarten Milk Fee (optional $45)**
Kindergarten students are eligible to have milk during our healthy snack time. If you do not wish for your student to participate we ask that you decline this option in writing at the time of registration.

**Student Elementary Base Fee ($44) or Student Middle School Base Fee ($72)**
This fee purchases consumable supplies that must be replaced annually.

**Field Trip Fee ($70)**
Student learning here at Dimensions extends beyond the classroom in many planned learning visits throughout our community.

**Other Useful Back to School Information**

We will be sending home other information to assist you in getting off to a great start for this school year on the first day of school in the weekly “Home Folder”. A calendar, immunization information, school supply list and many other useful forms are available on our website. Additional copies will be available on Registration Day.

**Lunch Account Payment (optional)**
Please be sure to deposit money on Registration Day if your child is planning to have milk or hot lunch on the first day of school. Lunch deposits may also be made at the ESC building in the Food Service Dept.

Lunch Account checks should be made out to “KUSD No. 1”. For easy online payment go to: myLunchMoney.com.

Students will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink until money has been deposited in the lunch account. Please allow time for payment to be processed.

It is important to note that Free & Reduced Lunch Applications must be filled out each year. They will be mailed directly to you by KUSD. Free or reduced lunches will not be issued until applications are processed and approved. Parents must reapply each year, as there is no “carry over”.

**Calendar:** We will continue our Friday Early Release and please note that we will release at 1:00 p.m. this year. Please be sure to use our special calendar dates that are different than those of other KUSD schools. Our calendar is available on our website as well as in each monthly newsletter.

**Supply List:** A copy was provided in June. Our lists are available on our website and copies will be available on Registration Day at the school. Please note that our list is different than the KUSD general list.

**Kindergarten Meet, Greet, Put Away Supplies:** Wednesday, August 31 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
This time is especially set up to help Kindergarten students have a smooth first day. Come in to drop off and put away supplies, say hello, and look around.

**New Family Welcome Night:** Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.
This special meeting is designed to help parents new to our school understand many of the unique resources, benefits, and opportunities available at Dimensions of Learning Academy. We hope all new parents can attend this orientation. Dimensions Extensions will be open with free childcare.
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION: Thursday, September 1 at 8:00 a.m.
We will begin with a brief “Grand Opening” celebration for our entire learning community. Students will assemble by grade with their teacher on the playground. Parents are welcome to join us in this traditional celebration. Please park on the street or in the ELCA lot. Kindergarten parents are invited in for a story before leaving their child on this special first day.

Parent Information Night: Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. KINDERGARTEN only begins at 6:00.
This evening is designed to help you partner with your student’s teacher(s). Each teacher will discuss important, new, specific information about the plans for each grade for the upcoming year. Homework hints, curriculum highlights, and other special tips will be invaluable. Your participation is a key factor in your student’s academic success. Dimensions Extensions will stay open. Parents will be charged.

DIMENSIONS CONNECTIONS: Wednesday, September 7 in the lunchroom beginning at 6:30, ongoing
Dimensions Connections is the name of our Parent Organization. We collect ideas for our calendar of events and ask for your volunteer help in the beginning of the year. We are a small learning community and need your involvement and help to make our events successful. We will have sessions in the lunchroom on this night beginning at 6:30 and continuing throughout the evening. Stop by to make connections and give your ideas/input for making this a great school year! More volunteer information will be coming home in the first Home Folder.

DIMENSIONS EXTENSIONS
Dimensions Extensions is the name of our before and after school program. The “Before School” session operates from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. and the “After School” session is from dismissal to 6:00 p.m. Students who arrive before 7:45 a.m. or remain at school after dismissal will be signed into Dimensions Extensions.

The “Dimensions Extensions Registration” packet will be available at school or online. You may fill it out online and email it to lwaters@kusd.edu.

KENOSHA PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD
All Dimensions of Learning Academy students utilize the Uptown Branch of the Kenosha County Library System as our school library. Every student is required to have a copy of their Kenosha County Library Card to be kept at school to be used during the school day. Please send a copy of your child’s library card (barcode side only), with your student’s name and grade printed neatly above the card. If your child does not have a library card, if it has been lost, or if it is damaged you may stop by any Branch library to obtain one. Please send the photocopy of your child’s library card to school no later than Friday, September 9th.

DRESS FOR LEARNING
Dimensions of Learning Academy students come to school dressed for learning. An updated copy of the KUSD dress code is available on the Dimensions or the KUSD website. Please call if you have any questions relative to your school shopping or attire for the first day of school.
Calendar

We have planned activities to start the school year off with positive attitudes and what we call “Dimension 1”. “Dimension 1” means feeling comfortable and accepted, which is what these special activities are designed to achieve.

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Each summer we review, reflect and plan for our upcoming year. We have been busy this summer with many updates to our learning environment and curriculum. We are excited to share some changes in teaching assignments for the upcoming year.

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We are happy to report that there are many new and exciting learning opportunities awaiting us in this new school year. We look forward to sharing them with you and your family! Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions prior to the first day of school or email me at dpearson@kusd.edu.