Principal's Message – August 1, 2023

Good evening and welcome to our new Starkey Elementary families and welcome back to our returning families. This is Principal Beekman with some important information for the start of the new school year.

Class lists will be posted on the office doors Friday, August 4th, starting at 4:00 pm. An opportunity to see where the classroom is and to meet the teacher will be Wednesday, August 9th between 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Then school starts the next day, Thursday, August 10th, at 8:45 am with gates opening at 8:15 am. Breakfast and lunch at no charge will continue to be available to our students.

PTA will once again host a BooHoo/WooHoo Breakfast in our Media Center from 8:30 - 9:00 am on the first day. There will be tissues, food and welcoming parents enjoying time together either feeling happy or sad, or even both, about the start of a new school year.

Parents are welcome to walk their child to class the first two days of school. Please spend those two days showing your child how to get to class independently. Starting Monday, August 14th, parents will have to say their good-byes at the gates.

This year most of the required forms will be completed online. Parents will be prompted to fill out forms as soon as they log into Focus. Directions can be found on our website under Site Shortcuts for how to set up a parent account, add your student to an existing account or reset the password for your existing account.

As a reminder, our dress code policy has remained the same for this year. Remember only solid white, navy, and black socks can be worn. Also, the heat index has been reaching record highs lately, so hoodies are not permitted to be worn around campus. However, teachers will permit them in the classroom if the air conditioning gets too cold.

Please mark your calendars for Open House on August 30^{th} . PreK- 2 will be from 5:00-6:00 pm and grades 3-5 will be from 6:30-7:30 pm. We hope you will join us. More information to come.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Thank you and good night.