

August 19, 2015

Greetings Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Families,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 2015-16 school year! I am honored to serve as principal for our incredible arts-infused learning community.

In just a few weeks we will embark on another exciting school year of learning, sharing and growing. Our staff, local community partnerships and volunteers have been working very hard to continue building upon our legacy as a premier arts magnet for ALL students. To support you in successfully starting a new school year, I wanted to communicate some key dates and events happening at both campuses.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

- Our all school **Meet and Greet** (Open House) is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd from 5:00-6:30 (K-3 at Linwood) and 6:00-7:30 (Grades Pre-K; 4-8 at Monroe). Be sure to stop by to meet your child's teachers, drop off school supplies (supply list enclosed) and reconnect with and get to know other Linwood Monroe students and families.
- **Kindergarten Parent Meetings** are scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th and Friday, September 9th. Check enclosed Kindergarten letter for conference times.
- **Pre-K Meetings** for families are on September 8th and 9th. A telephone call from the office will be made to set up an appointment.

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Emergency cards, permission slips, etc. will be sent home with students on Friday, September 11th. Please check your student's backpack, complete forms and return to your student's teacher by Friday, September 18th.

SCHOOL NEWS

- iPads will be checked out October 7th for PreK and elementary students and October 8th for middle school students
- Early Start will not be offered this school year for PreK-3rd grade students. Some of our LMAP families and staff have worked with St. Peter's Lutheran Church to provide a competitive alternative that is affordable for families. To learn more about St. Peter's STILLTS program and how to register, please visit www.saintpeterslutheranchurch.com/stilts.html. An open house for the program will be hosted on August 21 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 530 South Victoria Street
- Our Flipside partner, ACES (Athletes Committed to Educating Students) will be hosting before school programming for 4th–8th grade students beginning September 8th. ACES will host programming free of charge, M-F from 7:30 – 9:15 am. Registration will be available at our Open House or in the Monroe

Main office. All students are invited to participate, transportation to school must be provided by families.

- **Get Ready for Middle School! Camp 6** will be held on the first day of school- Tuesday, September 8th! Sixth grade students will be in small groups led by 8th grade student leaders learning all about middle school!
- Fall sports registration for middle schools students begins at our Open House on September 3rd and ends on September 18th. Please make sure your student has a physical on file.
- Teacher assignments for K-5 students are enclosed in this letter. The teacher's name is highlighted in yellow. Sixth through eighth grade students will get a draft of their schedules on September 3rd at our Meet and Greet (Open House).

Lastly, I hope you enjoy the final weeks of this beautiful Minnesota summer. As a friendly reminder, learning happens year round: any time, any place. I am excited to connect with your students and hear all about the learning that they experienced over the summer break.

I look forward to an AWESOME school year. Go Green Wave!

Respectfully,

Bryan E. Bass, Principal
Linwood Monroe Arts Plus