

Dear Kindergarten Families-

Allow me to officially welcome you to Kindergarten at Global Arts Plus! I have loved being a part of this school community the past 24 years! This year, once again, we have a wonderful staff and a great group of students coming to Kindergarten! I am expecting another great year!

Here are a few things I'd like let you know about to help make the start of the year go smoothly:

Our Back to School Meet & Greet event is on Thursday, August 29 from 5:30-7:00pm.  
Stop by to see your child's classroom, meet the teachers, your child's classmates and their families!

#### Kindergarten Intake Conferences.

The first day of school for Kindergartners is Thursday, September 5th.

September 3rd & 4th are reserved for parents and students to meet with me in our classroom. This meeting time is a very important chance for us to get to know each other, for me to get to know about your child and to prepare to have him/her in our class. If you unable to come at your scheduled time, please call me to reschedule at 651-293-6606. I look forward to meeting with you!

**Your family's intake conference appointment time is:**

**Tuesday, Sept 3 / Wednesday, Sept 4 from \_\_\_\_\_.**

I will give you a bus 'necklace' for your child at his/her intake conference. It will have your child's bus stop information clearly marked for his/her bus driver. Please have him/her wear it to school every day.

Also, please bring immunization records if you haven't already given them to us.

School Supplies I purchased school supplies for our class this summer while everything was on sale! The only items your child needs to bring are a backpack and tennis shoes. I also will be buying snacks for our class (in bulk sizes to save on cost) that we will have in the afternoon during our milk break. If you are willing to make a donation to help cover these costs, please look for the enclosed letter. Thank you!

Lunch money is collected daily in our classroom and then given to our cafeteria staff. Please send all money, including checks, in an envelope with your child's name and student ID number clearly marked on the front (I will give you your child's number at your coference). Checks should be made out to: "Nutrition Services". You may send a check in any amount to cover the cost of several days of lunch. You may also enroll to pay for your child's lunches online at: [www.schoolcafe.com/spps](http://www.schoolcafe.com/spps) The cafeteria computer will deduct the correct amount every day and the cafeteria staff will inform your child when his/her account is running low. Depending on household income, students can qualify for free/reduced price meals. By the end of August, all families with children in the Saint Paul Public Schools should receive an Application for Educational Benefits. All families will be asked to complete and return a form, even if they do not qualify for benefits. For an application, go to [www.schoolcafe.com/spps](http://www.schoolcafe.com/spps) or contact the school at 651-293-6606.

Full price lunch is \$2.50 per day. To purchase milk only is \$0.50

**Breakfast is FREE for ALL STUDENTS every day!**

Gatherings (a weekly coming together of the school community, including students, staff and families) are held on Friday afternoons. Each week will be a different celebration of the Global Arts Plus experience.

Be watching future newsletters for more info!

Please join us whenever you like! (more info on the back!)