



## Igniting Growth, Imaginations and Dreams ★

August 5, 2016

Dear Grand Blanc Academy All Star Families;

I hope you have enjoyed this summer. It certainly has been hot! As usual we have been working hard to plan on your child's return. It will be a great year of **igniting growth, imagination, and dreams**. When you return you will see a sparkle and shine to the building and some updated painting and a little bit of new carpeting.

Vacation time in July was very refreshing and I cannot wait to see you all again. We have some new staff joining our tremendous team. Mrs. Karrissa LaBelle is our new School Social Worker. We were very impressed with her passion for supporting the needs of students. We are anxious to get to know her better. You may have already met Mrs. Marci Massie. She is the new school secretary replacing Mrs. Blankenship who moved to the accounting department with our management company. Many of you also know that Mrs. Cookson was our long term building sub last year. She will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year, so she will already know many of her students. Ms. Lohorn recently married and is now Mrs. Eldridge. She is taking her expertise to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this year. Mrs. Peeler will be moving to Middle School Reading. Mr. Patterson has left for a teaching job in another district. We certainly wish him well and welcome Mrs. Alisha Books as the new kindergarten teacher.

We are still busy taking enrollments and creating class lists. If you have friends or family that have talked about enrolling, but have not yet taken the initiative, please encourage them to do so quickly. We have several grade levels that are closed and have waiting lists. Your child's classroom assignment will be posted at Open House. Teacher's return on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for training and preparation.

Our Open Houses are scheduled on:

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 in the morning and 5-7 in the evening. We have tried to accommodate your working schedules by offering a morning and an evening session.

**Classroom assignments and Bus lists will be posted during the Open Houses**

**Dismissal signs and car signs will also be available for pick-up**

Please note that this event is a meet and greet and that we will have a Family Night later in September to review the school expectations to build a stronger school community!

The teachers have created a generic list for Elementary and Middle School supplies. A more specific list will be available in the classrooms at Open House.

**Recommended Elementary Supply List:**

- ✓ Backpack
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Loose leaf lined paper (grades 2 and up)
- ✓ Composition Notebook
- ✓ 24 pack crayons
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ Disinfectant Wipes
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer (pump style)

**Recommended Middle School Supply List:**

- ✓ 6 packages of WIDE ruled, loose leaf notebook paper
- ✓ 6 one subject spiral notebooks (please make sure they are separate notebooks)
- ✓ 1 large zip up binder to keep all materials in (optional but recommended)
- ✓ 3 - 1 inch binders (Science, Math, and Reading) to be left in the room
- ✓ Colored ink pens for science notes
- ✓ 2 packages of red grading pens
- ✓ Highlighters any color
- ✓ Mechanical pencils (LOTS)
- ✓ 5 different colored pocket folders
- ✓ Sticky notes
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Zip up pencil case
- ✓ Kleenex (please bring in 2 boxes to share with the class)
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer

I know I have included a lot of information, but there is so much more to share. Please make it a priority to attend so that you have all the information you need to get started for the year!

The first day of school is September 6<sup>th</sup>!

All the Best,

*Mrs. Patty Wood and the All Star School Staff*