

August 7, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome GFA Families to a new school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Good Foundations Academy this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! We hope that everyone enjoyed a fun filled and relaxing summer!

This is always one of my favorite times of the year! I love the excitement of beginning each new school year! I am thrilled to be part of a team comprised of teachers, staff, parents, and students who want to achieve great things. Although this year looks different than any other year, we are dedicated to providing all students a memorable and engaging learning experience. Our faculty and staff have been working throughout the summer months preparing for another amazing school year!

GFA takes great pride in creating an educational atmosphere where students can learn in a caring and creative environment. Together our staff encourages students to engage in a lifelong love of learning. As we focus on student achievement, we will provide a variety of academic and educational experiences that promote student growth and learning throughout the year.

The faculty at GFA has high expectations for all of our students. We have even higher expectations of ourselves. This year, GFA faculty will continue to dedicate our focus on improving student learning for all students. We will continue to work diligently through collaboration to discuss teaching strategies to meet the needs of both our online and in-class learners. Our faculty is committed to finding each student's skill level and taking them forward in their learning.

We are proud and excited to launch the 2020-2021 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated staff.

A few things you may be wondering about before school begins:

When will we find out who our new teacher is?

Class lists will be sent out on Tuesday through email and will be posted on the windows located near the small playground.

What will distance learning look like?

An email went out to all our distance learners on Wednesday, August 5th. We will be distributing Chromebooks, answering questions, and scheduling testing at our Open House event which is scheduled for August 17th. Please keep in mind that each individual teacher will provide more detailed information regarding our distance learning program. **Please be watching for information on how to set up your child's Canvas account.**

Important Dates to Remember

Open House is scheduled for August 17th from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. A lunch break is scheduled for teachers from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This event will take place on the large field. We are asking that attendees wear face masks and practice physical distancing. Please come and meet your teacher, ask questions, drop off class supplies, participate in vision testing, and much more!

The first day of school is August 18th. School begins at 8:00 a.m. Students must enter through the front of the building at 7:40 a.m. and go directly to their classroom. Morning meet and greet has been postponed until

further notice. Morning drop off will look a little different this year. Please be watching for a short video on drop off procedures to be sent out next week. Help us by following the guidelines to ensure an efficient and safe drop off! Keep in mind that we will be following an early out schedule the first week of school. Students will be released at 1:00 p.m.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it another great year at GFA!

Sincerely,

Lisa Erwin
Executive Director
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"Aim High, Work Hard, Be Great!"