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June 7, 2021

Dear Kirkbride Families,

Thank you for your support during this challenging year! Even though this has been one of the most difficult yet, we are grateful for your partnership and resilience to prioritize your child's education through the Pandemic and Digital Learning. I want to celebrate some of the positive things we were able to accomplish TOGETHER this year:

- New use of technology & increasing all of our proficiency with new programs
- Creativity by our awesome teachers to plan high quality instruction at all times
- Collaboration among home & school to support student learning
- Amazing support by our HSA with food deliveries, fundraisers & community events
- Overall focus on doing what is safest and best for our students & school community

I want to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to our amazing teachers and staff for their hard work this year! And, thank you to all of the parents and guardians for your support at home!

As we look ahead to next year, I wanted to share a few updates so you can use the summer to plan and prepare:

- ❖ **The first day of school for students is Tuesday, August 31; the school day begins at 8:20am.**
- ❖ All students, K-8 will attend 5 full days of school, in-person.
- ❖ Uniforms will be required again next year; royal blue collared shirt with black bottoms.

Students will continue to be assigned 1:1 Chromebooks next year. If they did not receive a device or it is in need of repair, it should be taken care of this summer. You can visit a District Tech Center; the closest location is South Philly High School (info here: <https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/chromebooks/>). Students who are graduating 8th grade and going to high school will take their Chromebook with them. Incoming kindergarten students will receive notification this summer about obtaining a new Chromebook.

Over the summer, there are things you can do to help your child stay active and engaged with learning:

[K-2 Summer Reading List 2021](#)

[3-5 Summer Reading List 2021](#)

[6-8 Summer Reading List 2021](#)



We encourage all of our families to participate in the **Kirkbride Home & School Association (“Kirkbride HSA”)** [Summer Read-A-Thon!](#) Follow the HSA on Instagram [@kirkbride_hsa](#) for great updates!

*Please also remember that students have continued access to their **iReady Math and Reading** programs throughout the summer!

We will be back in the main office beginning August 9, 2021, for new student registration. We are continuing to register new students for kindergarten, and still have seats open, so please contact us ASAP to register! If you move over the summer and change your address or phone number, please contact us in August to update your info.

*Please be reminded that only students new to Kirkbride need to register. Returning students in grades 1-8 are automatically enrolled for next year, and no action is needed to hold their spot!

Report Cards will be available after June 9 online only. Instructions for accessing your child’s report card are here:

- [Viewing Report Cards in Campus Parent Stepper](#)
- [Viewing Report Cards in Student Portal Stepper](#)
- [Video for accessing “Backpack” in the Student Portal Stepper](#)

Here are links for translated steppers for [Viewing Reports Cards in Campus Parent](#) in various languages, and other resources for [Parent & Family Portal and translations](#).

And here you can find [Parent Guides to K-8 Report Cards](#) to help you understand how to read your child’s report card!

Letters from the grade teachers for next year with supply lists will be posted on our Website here:

<https://kirkbride.philasd.org/>

**Thank you for your support and collaboration and we wish you and your family a
HEALTHY & SAFE SUMMER!**

Respectfully,

Rebecca O. Julien

Principal Julien