Dear KUA White City Kinder/1st grade Families,

School begins soon! Teachers and staff are busily preparing for a new school year and are excited to see your child soon! We would like to share a few reminders and new updates. Due to construction delays, we have decided to postpone the opening of school for 1st grade until Monday, August 9th. This will give us a few extra days to get the building ready for students! Kindergarten starts on campus with half days on Monday, August 9th and will be full time starting Monday, August 16th. All campus instruction will be in person 5 days a week this year (no early release on Wednesdays!)

This year we will have a full time administrator on site daily in White City. We are very excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Ericka Beck-Brattin to be our Associate Director of Academics (Assistant Principal)! Mrs. Beck-Brattin comes to KUA with many years of experience in education as a teacher, instructional coach, teacher mentor, and licensed administrator. Her expertise will be an asset to our programs and students. She will share additional information with you soon. Welcome to the team! Mrs. Sunshine Price (Director of Academics) & Mr. A.J. Schultz (Director of School Culture) will continue to provide administrative support to White City. Mrs. Andrea Gee is our Afterschool Site Manager and oversees the afterschool enrichment program. Finally, Mrs. Jani Hale, (former Phoenix High School & KUA Medford Principal) will be an Administrative Liaison providing guidance and support to our program.

Important Information:

→ Meet the Teacher Night - We are moving the date until next week to give our new staff time to get set up in their classrooms. Our Virtual Meet the Teacher night will be Thursday, August 5th; Kindergarten at 5:00 pm & 1st grade at 6:00 pm. Zoom links will be sent via Remind.

→ Transportation - We are very excited to offer transportation this school year. Morning pick up will be at the local middle school sites (Shady Cove MS, Eagle Point MS, and White Mountain MS). Unfortunately, we cannot provide transportation directly to your homes. Specific pick up times will be shared next week. We will ONLY be able to offer AM transportation to school at this time. We are hopeful that Eagle Point may be able to offer transportation home, but that is not guaranteed. There is a bus driver shortage that is impacting transportation. Morning pick up will begin on Tuesday, August 10th. If you’d like transportation, please complete the transportation form or contact the office. We have extended our Afterschool Enrichment time to 5:30 pm to help support families with picking up their children.

→ COVID Protocols - Unfortunately, we do not have final answers regarding COVID restrictions. With recent CDC recommendations for mask wearing, we are unsure if we will have to wear masks inside the building. At this point, we don’t have to wear masks, but that may change. In the meantime, we will continue with preventative measures (hand washing, distancing, and staying home when sick).

→ Kindergarten “Soft Start” - August 4th - 6th, Kinder students will not attend classes. We will invite families to bring their child to school for assessments. These assessments will help us create better balanced classes for the academic and socio-emotional needs of students. Our “Soft Start” week consists of half days for Kindergarten students in order to gradually get them ready for a full day of school. “Soft Start” is August 9th - 12th - with drop off from 7:30-8:00; class from 8:00-11:30, and pick up from 11:30-12:00. Starting the 3rd week of school, August 16-20th, Kindergarten students will attend a regular full day of school. We are closed Friday, August 13th for Professional Development.
→ **Construction**- As you know our White City location continues to grow this year! We will have 2 PreK classrooms, 2 Kindergarten, and 2 First grade classrooms this year! We have a **few spots open in Kindergarten** if you know a family who is interested. The building is almost ready, but we need a few more days to set everything up!

→ We will continue our **After School Enrichment program from 3:00-5:30 pm**. The full cost of our afterschool program is **$200 per month**. However, for our families in White City, we offer a scholarship for all families. White City families don’t have to pay the fee due to our scholarships. However, there is a cost to our programs and we ask that all families apply for **ERDC (Employee Related Daycare) to see if you qualify**. These funds help us provide scholarships to families. **There is a $20 registration fee for the year.**

→ **Drop Off/Pick Up** - Please see the chart below for the drop off/pick up times. We have a new parking lot map that will help alleviate congestion and keep the parking lot safe. Also, please remember to bring ID to pick up your child.

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<td>3:00-3:30 Pick up* (*unless staying for the afterschool program)</td>
<td>*If you are picking up your child between 3:30-4:30, you will need to <strong>park and come into the office</strong>.</td>
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Please follow the same route in the parking lot for drop off and pick up.

We are looking forward to a longer school year with new beginnings for all. Please know your continued support and involvement with KUA and your child's teacher is essential! Stay connected and get involved (email, via Remind or ParentVue). Thank you for choosing KUA as your child’s school home!

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