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Welcome Kindergartners and Families to Global Scholars Academy!

We are thrilled you have chosen Global Scholars Academy (GSA) as a place to partner with you in making sure your child reaches their full potential. GSA is committed to providing academic rigor and delivering students who can compete in a global society. Our Core Values: Protection, Affection, Correction and Connection will guide our teaching and programming efforts to develop the whole child.

Starting “big kid” school for the first time can be overwhelming for kids and parents! We want you to know we understand the anxiety Kindergarten brings and we are here to support you and your child’s transition, ensuring you know what to expect and have everything you need to begin this new journey. **This letter contains a lot of important information for our new Kindergartners so please read thoroughly and in its entirety.**

One of the biggest questions on parents’ minds is whether we will return to school in person at the start of the academic year given the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the high likelihood of a second outbreak. In line with the latest update from the Governor, GSA will begin the school year with **100% Remote Learning**. We will send information regarding the schedule and instructions for logging into learning platforms soon. We expect additional State guidance over the next several months and will use that guidance to develop and revise plans that work for our students and families.

GSA will be holding special individual family meetings for our Kindergartners focusing on the unique transition to elementary school, allow for parents to connect with their new teachers, and create space for us to complete initial student assessments and share logistics and curriculum pillars for the first few weeks of school.

As we prepare to kick off the school year there are a few important things to keep in mind:

- **Open House will be held virtually on July 11, 2020.** There, more information will be provided regarding uniforms, technology, and other key logistical matters supporting a virtual return to learning.
- **The first day of school is July 15, 2020.** Please note, if your child does not report to school by the morning of Friday, July 17, 2020, they will be de-rolled and lose their spot.
- **Uniforms** will be available for purchase at the school closer to the time we return to the building.

For new Kindergartners, specifically:

Please be sure to complete and submit all the below information no later than 30 days after the first day of school:

- **GSA Enrollment Commitment Form**
 - This form confirms your commitment to attend Global Scholars Academy for the 2020 – 2021 academic year. It should have already been completed after your child received an enrollment slot.
- **Immunization Records**
 - Must be provided by your child’s physician and contain the following information:
 - Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP); 5 doses

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- Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV); 4 doses
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); 2 doses measles; 2 doses mumps; 1 dose rubella
- Hemophilus influenza type B (HIB); 4 doses
- Hepatitis B (Hep B); 3 doses
- Varicella (chickenpox); 2 doses
- **Kindergarten Health Assessment Form (KHA)**
 - The KHA form MUST be turned into the school within 30 calendar days of the 1st day of school. Your doctor can fill out the KHA any time within a year before the 1st day of kindergarten. This means you may not have to make an additional appointment for your child. Take the form to your next visit!
- **Original or Certified Copy of Child's Birth Certificate**

Kindergarten Assessments and Orientation

- Your classroom teacher's name is Ms. Goldberg. She is a fun-loving, high energy, and excited to meet you and your family as a part of the 1:1 meet and greets and assessments – to be conducted July 10th – 13th.
- Scholars will complete their Kindergarten Assessment on July 10th, 13th & 14th at GSA.
 - Ms. Goldberg will contact parents for 45-minute time slot to remain at GSA in the outside lobby until testing is completed. Student and parent will be required to wear mask and get temperature check when entering the building.
 - Ms. Goldberg will deliver the assessment which takes approximately 10-15 minutes.
- Lastly student and parent will meet with Ms. Goldberg and Instructional Assistant for 30-minute brief orientation to the classroom and class expectations.
- Students will receive tech devices and training on connectivity, care and use with school issued devices. Additional training is available as needed.
- If your family would like to request an alternative to a face-to-face meeting and assessment, our Kindergarten teacher will accommodate the request.

We will continue to face many challenges this year as we navigate the ever-changing restrictions and regulations associated with this pandemic. As changes become available, we will monitor and keep our GSA community, including parents, students, teachers, board members abreast of any new changes with our learning plan.

We are excited to start the new Virtual School Year and look forward to meeting and serving you in 2020-2021. Again, welcome to the GSA School Community where, together, we are determined to SOAR!

Sincerely,
Dr. Pamela Baldwin
Head of School

"Kid, you'll move mountains!" - Dr. Seuss, Oh, The Places You'll Go
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