

Pontiac Academy For Excellence



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Dear Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary Parents and Students,

I am happy to welcome you to another wonderful school year here at Pontiac Academy for Excellence! I wanted to convey my excitement as we begin another incredible year at the school, as we have a number of new programs and opportunities pertaining to instruction that we will make available to *all* of our students throughout the course of each school day. Enclosed, I have provided a variety of important information and dates that I would ask you to take note of to ensure the very best educational experiences for our students are attained.

- 1) This year, we have made efforts to grow our school and increase the educational opportunities for more families in the Pontiac area. With this plan in mind, we have a number of grade levels that may begin with a very high enrollment rate. If this takes place please be assured that we are prepared to make adjustments that will best meet the needs of all students.
- 2) The elementary school day begins at **7:45 a.m.**, and concludes at **3:00 p.m.** everyday. Effective Tuesday, September 8, 2009, students who arrive after **8:20 a.m.** will be marked "tardy." I want to extend the importance of having our students here at the school, ready to learn at our scheduled start time. In many of our elementary classrooms, this time is used to review the content that was taught the prior day. Dismissal takes place from **3:00 p.m.** to **3:30 p.m.** When picking up your child, please provide the dismissal assistants with your child's name, and the name of his/her teacher. This will help us keep the traffic moving.
- 3) If you would like to visit, volunteer, or meet with a staff member at any point during the school day, please check-in with the elementary office staff before advancing to the location of your appointment.
- 4) Our dress code, as stated in our student handbook, allows boys to wear black or tan pants (no jeans, sweat pants, or sagging), and may wear black or tan shorts in May through June, with a white, burgundy, gold, or black collared shirt (no blue shirts, jerseys, or sweatshirts). Boys may also wear solid color sweaters in burgundy, black, white, or gold, over the collared shirt, with the collar showing above the sweater. Boys must have their shirts tucked in while in school.

Girls may wear the same clothes as the boys, but also have the choice of wearing a black or tan jumpers or skirts (which are no more than 2" above knee level when SEATED) with their collared shirt. Girls may wear black or tan shorts or capris in the months of May and June, as well.
- 5) Please ensure that you have completed and submitted a Free and Reduced Lunch form, as we rely on these forms to provide us with an accurate count for both our Breakfast and Lunch programs.
- 6) Our after school tutoring at every grade level will begin Monday, September 14. Please contact your child's teacher for more information including times for scheduled tutoring sessions.

I know that through our partnership, we will have a truly incredible year. Please know that the staff of Pontiac Academy for Excellence is here to serve the needs of your students to the best of our ability. I am incredibly excited to work with all of our students, our families, our teachers, and I know this will be a great academic year!

Sincerely,

Tony Sedick
Elementary Principal
Pontiac Academy for Excellence

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