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Dear Caleb Greenwood Families,

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Caleb Greenwood! As we embark on our second year as an official International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program World School, we are excited to continue growing our Program of Inquiry, developing our global awareness and igniting the IB Action Cycle within each of our students. We are honored that you have chosen to join or remain in our community and entrust your child's education to us, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that this is yet another exciting and challenging year of growth and discovery for your child. We are excited to announce some rather significant changes moving into this school year so please read on carefully.

NEW BELL SCHEDULE

In order to better support our teachers and improve student outcomes, SCUSD is giving teachers dedicated time every week to plan together. To accommodate this collaborative time, we are releasing students early on Thursdays. All other days, students will stay in school a little longer than last year.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Kinder: 7:55am-11:30am

1st-6th Grades: 8:00am-2:12pm

Thursdays

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1st-6th Grades: 8:00am-1:12pm

UPCOMING DATES

Kindergarten Breakfast – Saturday, August 27, 9am-10:30am

All kinder families are encouraged to attend in order to meet other kinder families, find out who your child's teacher will be and have an opportunity to introduce your child to her.

Back to School Social – Tuesday, August 30, 6pm-7pm

Please join us to meet your teacher and catch up with our Caleb community.

Class lists will be posted at 6pm.

First Day of School – Thursday, September 1, 7:55am

Coffee and refreshments will be served in the courtyard outside the cafeteria at 8:00am on the first day of school. All parents are invited to join us once you have wished your students well.

Back to School Night – Wednesday, September 14

Parents only, please join us to find out about the 2016-17 school year, learn how to get involved, and hear from your child's teacher about this year's Program of Inquiry, events, class expectations and communication.

When attending these events and viewing class lists for the first time, please know that our staff takes great measures each spring to build balanced classes that allow teachers to maximize student learning and meet individual needs. This is a careful and thoughtful process that has already been completed, so please understand that I am unable to consider individual requests for class changes. It is important to us that every child has a positive, challenging and meaningful experience at Caleb Greenwood. Please know that if, at any

time, you have concerns or questions about your child's education, the teachers and I will always make time to talk with you.

STAFFING CHANGES

As with any profession, people move and positions change. This year we say goodbye to two beloved Caleb Greenwood teachers. Susan Richardson has left to take a full-time PE position and Suzanne McKelvey is now a principal, both in SCUSD. Pam Ferko and Nick Zylstra have left intermediate grades to join our second grade team. New staff members Brittnie Bond, Megan (Kemp) Mercado, Anna Symkowick-Rose and Whitney Cole have joined us in second, fourth and sixth grades. We are in the final stages of hiring a fifth grade teacher to join Lyn Dilley and a part-time PE teacher to join Coach Wardlaw. Lastly, Lenatta Floyd will take Esther Garcia's place in the office. All of these new faces are welcomed by an incredibly supportive teaching and support staff here at Caleb and are well prepared to hit the ground running!

FAMILY MENTOR PROGRAM

If you are a new family to Caleb Greenwood or just looking to get the lay of the land, PTSO has a program just for you! Contact PTSO President, Tiffany Conklin at tiffanyeconklin@gmail.com to get matched up with another Caleb Greenwood family to help guide you through the 2016-17 school year.

Lastly, please take a few more minutes to review the attached school year calendar and bell schedules, classroom supply lists and Wellness Policy.

Getting a full night's sleep each night, eating a nutritious breakfast daily, arriving at school on time everyday and having needed supplies are critical factors in how your child is able to learn for the entire school day. Please do your best to begin the summer-to-school transition early so we have rested and prepared students on the first important days of school and throughout the year. I look forward to working with you all this year and am eager to see our students as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

Yours in Partnership,

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