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Dear Lisa J. Mails Families,

I want to welcome you back as we approach the beginning of a new school year. I am excited for all of the experiences we will share, as a community, as we get the 2014 – 2015 school year started. As you may know, we are welcoming a new Assistant Principal: Josh Fogal. I encourage you to introduce yourself to Mr. Fogal at our beginning-of-the-year events. I am excited to work with him and to show him what an outstanding school community he is joining.

The following are a few important announcements as we get this new year started:

First Day: Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 13th. On Wednesday, we will open the doors at 8 AM. Parents and students may go directly to the classrooms on this day only. Students will receive directions for lining up thereafter. PM Kindergarten will begin at 11:10. Please walk your student into the Kindergarten area through the doors off of the parking lot. Teachers will greet you there. AM and PM Kindergarten students are dismissed from these doors. Parents may come onto campus for 1st – 5th pickup five minutes before our 2:35 dismissal.

Parking Lot Safety: Our traffic loop has been redesigned to flow in one direction only. The county will be installing a traffic signal at the entrance to our loop in the coming weeks. Please remember that there are two options for dropping off and picking up. You may use the curbside loop for an easy dropoff or you may park in the lot and walk your child into the school. If you use the loop, please remember to pull all the way forward, do not cut into the line, and arrange for a quick good-bye and drop-off. If you use the parking lot, you must accompany your child onto campus. Drivers may not use any part of the main parking lot as a drop off or pick up location. This is a safety imperative!

DMMS Sibling Care: We will continue to offer after school care for siblings of middle school students. Information in regards to this will be coming out shortly. We will begin after school care on Tuesday, August 19th.

Back to School Nights: We hope you will join us for these important evenings. The event is for parents only, as it is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn about how you can support your student in his/her classroom. The evenings are scheduled as follows:

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| Thursday, August 14 th | 1 st – 3 rd | Session I | 5:45 – 6:15 PM or |
| | | Session II | 6:30 – 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday, August 19 th | 4 th | 5:30 – 6:45 | |
| | 5 th | 6:15 – 7:30 | |

4th and 5th grades will begin in the MPR for a grade level meeting and then convene in teacher's classrooms.

Thank you! I look forward to seeing you Wednesday and beginning another school year with you and your children! Let us know if there is any way we can better serve you!

Mrs. Faythe Mutchnick, Principal