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Dear Museum School 25 Families,

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 academic year. I am delighted to share that Dr. Layton-Robinson will complete our administrative team this year as our Assistant Principal. Many of you are familiar with Dr. Layton-Robinson as she has served as a second grade teacher these past few years.

The Museum School 25 Community is eager to begin a new year exploring learning opportunities, problem solving and celebrating successes with you and your children.

Some important dates to remember in the coming weeks:

- The first day of school for students in Grades K – 6 is **Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.
- Pre-Kindergarten students and parents are to report for the first day on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please see your assigned time for your half-day orientation attached to this letter.
- The first full day of school for Pre-Kindergarten students is **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**In accordance with state and district mandates, all students, staff, and visitors must be masked at all times while in the school building.**

On the first day and all days after, students are to report to the doors on Warburton Avenue closest to the driveway for admittance to the cafeteria. They will then be offered breakfast and later join their classmates in their assigned areas. Teachers are usually available the first day to meet parents at student arrival and at dismissal. Please feel free to come and say hello, especially if you are new to our school community.

The District uniform policy has not changed. It is supported by educational research that demonstrates a relationship between uniforms and higher academic achievement as students are better able to focus.

- **ALL** students are expected to wear light blue tops and navy-blue bottoms (with optional skirt/jumper for girls). Please encourage your child to wear the school uniform.
- A closed shoe of your choice is permitted. Sandals, flip flops, and slippers are never permitted for your child's safety. Sneakers are the best choice as they are required for participation in Physical Education.

- Ripped jeans, short shorts and mini-skirts are not acceptable in the school setting. Please be considerate of the nature of the school environment with respect to wardrobe choices.

Please label all your child's clothing and belongings with his/her name so we can return misplaced items. Always label your child's book bag on the inside, so it must be opened to be viewed – for your child's security.

All students are eligible for a free breakfast and lunch. It is mandatory that every student return a completed form. These will be sent home with your child the first day of school.

We are enclosing one emergency card that **must** be returned to school on the first day so we can contact you in case of an emergency. You will be given two more additional cards on the first day of school to complete along with other paperwork. Your child's classroom assignment for this year is at the bottom of this page. The teacher has included a letter with a supply list as an introduction to the school year. You may also find this information at:

<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/Page/25102>.

Request for change in dismissal must be in writing and sent in with your child to be given to the teacher upon arrival. I cannot accept phone requests to change your dismissal procedure for your child's safety and welfare. Additionally, the main office secretaries are not authorized to make exceptions to this policy when they receive parent phone calls.

If your child takes the bus, please plan to meet the bus ten minutes before or after the assigned time, at both pick up and drop off to partner with us in modeling healthy work habits for your child.

If you are driving your child to school, please remember that the area in front of the school on Warburton Avenue is a bus stop. Please pull up as far as possible to allow for bus arrival. Please refrain from making U-turns in the driveway, as this threatens the safety of student pedestrians in the vicinity.

The teachers and administration are always happy to hear from you. You are encouraged to call the school with any questions or concerns. If a teacher is working with students at the time, they will return your call as soon as possible. You may also email any one of us. Our email addresses are available at:

<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=37&ChannelID=518&DirectoryType=6>

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in education,

JoAnn DiMaria

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