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Greetings Nance Families!

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! On behalf of the Nance Elementary staff, let me be the first to welcome you back to what will be a school year unlike any other. Although this year our students will begin learning 100% virtually, as a school community we are **NANCE STRONG** and will rise to meet this new challenge! Our staff will work tirelessly to ensure your child receives a high-quality education this year.

As a new principal, I value the opportunity to meet each of you for the first time in the coming weeks. Although we will begin the year learning apart from each other, we are a family and will prioritize a purposeful home-school connection. As we prepare for school to begin virtually on **Monday, August 31**st, I wanted to share with you a few important upcoming dates and details:

- Technology & Materials Distribution- Wednesday, August 26th & Thursday, August 27th
 All students and families will need to come to Nance on Wednesday, August 26th or Thursday August 27th at one of the designated distribution times in order to pick up and sign out an iPad, as well as receive other materials and classwork supplies. Teachers will reach out to families to schedule appointments for materials
 - O Please enter through the entrance near the gym (Door 2). At materials distribution, teachers will also be available for a brief introduction and face-to-face technology introduction.
 - o Building capacity will be limited during these times, face masks that cover the mouth and nose are required for everyone, and temperatures will be taken at the door of anyone coming into the building.
 - o Please respect social distancing during the material distribution times.
 - o Materials will be distributed according to the following schedule, and teachers will reach out to you in advance to schedule appointments:
 - Wednesday, August 26th, 12 PM- 6 PM
 - Thursday, August 27th, 9 AM- 1 PM
- Virtual Open House- Friday, August 28th, 4 PM-6 PM

In order to promote health and safety, open house will be held virtually this year. A link will be shared to access a Zoom meeting on Friday, August 28th at 4 PM. At that time we will have a welcome to the entire school, and from there students and families will be able to go to break-out meetings with classroom teachers. Links to join break out meetings will be shared with families during the week of August 24th.

This year, I will make it a priority to learn about your individual and collective plans, dreams, and expectations, and what you see as the promise for the school's future in transforming the lives of our children. I hope you will come to know and trust me so that together we can support things that are working within the school for our children and





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change what is not. I will seek opportunities to meet with everyone safely in-person, however, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic many of these opportunities may be virtual. I hope you will join me in this process aimed at unifying us through common goals and motivating us to work together for the betterment of every child at Nance!

Dr. Archer's Parent and Family Entry Planning Activities Timeline:

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July & August	□Share welcome message with parents and families for the 2020-2021 school year □Meet with parents, families and students informally at virtual open house □Meet students informally as part of back to school activities
2020	
	Meet with groups of students informally
	•Attend school functions and parent organization meetings to meet parents and families informally
September	•Hold a "Nance Family Town Hall" to meet with parents and families
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2020	
	Meet with parent organization members
	Conduct individual follow-up meetings with parents and families
November	•Hold a "Nance Family Town Hall" to meet with parents and families
8	•Meet with small groups of students by grade level
December	
2020	Prepare a brief report summarizing learning from entry planning process as well as possible priorities and
\ \ \	present to parent organization members
January	•Share plan with parents and families during a "Nance Family Town Hall," including recommended priorities
2021	Make Entry Plan available to public on Nance website

I want to thank the entire Nance family for the warm and supportive welcome I have received in the past month. I am so pleased to be here and join your school family. I am committed to making your experience as a member of our school community a positive one, too. If at any time prior to the start of school or throughout the year you have questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

See you soon,

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