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KAHLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Kahla Parents and Community,

On behalf of the staff at Kahla Middle School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year at Kahla MS. We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. Our mission is to develop a community of learners in an ever changing world using self-discipline, motivation, and excellence to encourage our KNIGHTS. At Kahla, we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. This summer, I challenged my staff to utilize the research of John Hattie's *Visible Learning* to establish best practices and strategies for students' academic growth. Yes, they took the challenge and succeeded with flying colors. What does this mean? We are ready and prepared to lead our students toward academic success.

Key Information:

- **August 10:**
 - **CFISD Back-to-School Expo** is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Berry Center (8877 Barker Cypress Road). The Expo provides a number of helpful resources to incoming students, parents and prospective employees, allowing for a smooth transition into our district.
- **August 13 – 16:**
 - **New Student Registration:** If your child is new to CFISD, is transferring from one CFISD campus to ours, or has withdrawn and is now re-enrolling, you will need to register your new student at our campus in order to be ready for the first day of school.
- **August 17:**
 - **Kahla Express** strives to welcome all students into the Knights family by allowing students to pick up their tentative schedule, locker information, and spirit items. This event helps students get excited for the new year and feel more comfortable for the first day of classes. Several staff members will be here to greet our students and families and share our core beliefs and values as KNIGHTS.
- **School Supplies and Backpacks:**
 - If you pre-purchased school supplies online, these will be available for pickup at Kahla Express. If you haven't purchased already, we will have pre-packaged supplies for core academic classes on sale at Kahla Express for **\$40.00**.
 - CFISD secondary campuses all require **clear backpacks** for students. We will have approved backpacks on sale for **\$10.00** at Kahla Express.
 - ALL purchases at Kahla Express will be **cash or** through **Schoolcashonline**. If you do not have a Schoolcash account, we will have stations available for you to create one!
- **Monday, August 26, 2019:**
 - 1st Day of School

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Kahla Middle School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers, and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth.

Once again, welcome back!

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