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(this is a copy of the same letter sent via mail and email)

To the families of Yankton Arthur Academy,

WELCOME! I am very excited to say that everything is finalized and the school will be ready to go for the fall of 2007. We have a little late start but things are being set in motion and we will be more than ready in September. Furniture, curriculum and supplies are ordered and our staff is hired and chomping at the bit. I have the keys in my hand and all lights are green!

I see from all your emails and phone calls that you, understandably, have many questions for the coming year. Before I attempt to answer them, let me state that you may contact me anytime with any questions or concerns at sthelensadmin@arthuracademy.org or call the school with the number listed above. Our website will be a place to get basic info and reminders as well. Just click on the St. Helens tab and it will take you to “our” page.

I want to thank you for deciding to become a part of our Arthur Academy community. It is absolutely the best decision you can make for your child’s education.

1. School hours? *(How early do we have to get up?)*

The hours of our school will be 8:30am to 3:00pm. The Kindergarten class will begin at 8:30am and will end at 11:45am. Earliest arrival is 8:15, which I strongly encourage! A pick up and drop off procedure map we be mailed in August.

2. Yearly schedule? *(Disneyland here we come!)*

In general, we will follow the St. Helens district schedule with some variation. All major vacations are the same and we are **looking** to open on Thursday, September 6th. Everyone will receive a calendar when all dates are finalized.

3. Inclement weather closure? *(Snow day! Hurray!)*

If the district closes due to bad weather, we close. The message on the school phone will also announce the closure.

4. Registered or not registered? *(To be in or not to be in?)*

The acceptance letter is the final confirmation that we have your child registered. Please fill it out in detail and as soon as possible! Immunizations, prescribed medicine and past records will be taken care of when school starts. If the situation has changed, please let us know immediately so we can update the enrollment from our wait list.

5. School uniform? *(No plaid please!)*

Yes our school is a uniform school. We ask that your child wear either navy blue or khaki bottoms (any variety) and either a white or navy blue top (any variety). This is not a strict rule but we have found it fosters a feeling of belonging to something special, which we are.

6. School supplies? *(Wal-Mart here we come!)*

Save your money! We take care of most supplies. All that your child needs to bring/have, if the are grade 1-3, is a sturdy back pack, two good peachy type folders with any kind of design on it and a box of tissues. Kindergarten has in addition a change of clothes in a paper shopping bag and a box of wet wipes.

7. Before school opens? *(Summertime is fun time!)*

We will meet in the summertime. Our school BBQ will be on Sunday August 19th, at 3:00 at the school. More announcements will follow from the school and the soon to be formed parent organization. We will also have a open house a few days before school so parents and students meet the teacher and view the classroom.

8. Lunches? *(yum yum!)*

Lunch varies from school to school. If we are lucky, the district will deliver the same lunch they serve the other public schools but as of now it's still yet to be determined.

9. Before and after school care? *(We take care of everything!)*

I am still negotiating a before and after school day care. In general it usually goes from 6:00am to opening and then 3:00 to 6:00 pm. It is very unlikely that there will be any after school afternoon care for kindergarten. This is all for a fee and usually outsourced by the Arthur Academy Charter School.

More questions and concerns will arise and when they do feel free to contact me or email and I will respond as soon as time allows.

Thanks again! Here's to our first year.

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