

Dear Parents,

On Friday we welcomed 53 new kindergarten children to the Julian Curtiss School during our beloved traditional **Ring In Ceremony**. This is one of our favorite days of the school year! It is a tradition and ritual that helps to establish our school's identity and our school's values. This year's kindergarten class is made up of 53 students, 28 of those students have siblings at our school! Most of these students live within the Julian Curtiss District but we have 8 magnet students all from various schools in the district. They come from families that are Spanish, Japanese, Italian, Greek, Chinese, Hungarian, Czechoslovakian, Korean, Polish, German and much more. They will help us live true to our student body of 60 countries, 30 languages, and one great school. We are so proud to welcome the youngest members of our community. Thank you to all of those that attended Friday's event.

Our annual Open House is on **Tuesday, September 26th** at 7 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on coming. We will have a limited amount of babysitting available for those that need it. This is an important event for ALL families to attend. In addition, we have an Early Release Day on **Wednesday, September 27th. Dismissal is at 12:45 pm**. Please make sure that your child and your child's teacher knows their dismissal plan for the day. Lunch is served on an early schedule at school. In the afternoon, our teachers will be participating in staff development designed to support the implementation of new curriculum while focusing on how to personalize learning for our students.

Cars are **NOT** allowed in the front circle during dismissal/pick-up. Drivers should enter Milbank driveway only. In addition, children should not run across the circle to meet their parent at their car without an adult. This is dangerous and unnecessary. Parents should park the car and walk to the black top to pick up their child. Please make sure that you inform babysitters, grandparents, or any other adults of the procedures for dismissal.

Research shows that attendance and punctuality are extremely important factors in building school success. It gives me great pleasure to announce that school attendance and prompt arrivals are off to a strong beginning this school year! Attendance and punctuality are essential to ensuring that your child gets the most out of their time at school. They are important life skills that your child will need as they become young adults and enter the world of work. Thank you for getting your children to school on time!

Enjoy the remainder of your weekend!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Trish McGuire