



Delphi Community Elementary School

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Hello parents!

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. I would say summers pass by very quickly, but I honestly feel 'life' passes by very quickly. I have always felt if you enjoy what you do, that might explain why it passes by so quickly. I have missed the kids, parents, & staff. There are several things below everyone needs to be aware over the next couple weeks:

- ◆ The theme for 2019-20 is 'Leadership'. Our mission statement, determined by students, parents, and staff is 'Be Innovative. Be **Bold**. Build a Legacy!'
- ◆ Supply List/Book & Lunch Fees - Check out the website for more information - de.delphi.k12.in.us
- ◆ Key Dates:
 - DCES - No Supply Drop Off; August 15 is 'Meet the Teacher' night from 6-8 p.m.
 - CECC - Supply Drop Off - August 6 from 3-6 p.m. Meet the Teacher night is August 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Leader in Me (TLIM) program is an essential part to the elementary school and middle school curriculums. According to TLIM website, *The Leader in Me* is [FranklinCovey's whole school transformation process](#). It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. Our entire school will become transformed with our students at the forefront.
- ◆ Online Registration - the 'easiest' way to describe this is if you are in Skyward (whether it be a new kindergarten student who registered at kindergarten round-up OR a returning student going in 3rd grade - hence, you are in Skyward - you only have to login to Skyward, choose Family Access, and look for Online Registration button to the left and complete the registration process. If you have more than one child in the district, you will need to select each child's name from the drop-down menu near the top of the page. **I ask that you complete online registration ASAP so we can be prepared with staffing.** Furthermore, when you complete registration, you should be able to see who your child's teacher is for the 2019-20 school year. **You may begin Online Registration Friday, July 19th.** If you are NOT sure of your Skyward credentials, please contact the office at 564-3895 OR email shidlerb@delphi.k12.in.us. This is an essential step every year to update information.
- ◆ Onsite Registration (**NOT FOR EVERYONE**) - This will exist on July 31st from 11 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Whether your child will attend CECC or DCES, please note that for K-5 onsite registration, it is **ONLY** held at DCES. This helps us to better align resources. The purpose of Onsite Registration is to help those individuals who are struggling with the online registration process by offering support to 'new to Delphi' students and their families, etc. We will have several computers available to allow you to complete the online registration (if needed) - however, ideally, parents are able to do this at home, the library, or another establishment with wi-fi. You can access Skyward through our website - de.delphi.k12.in.us.
- ◆ **Wednesdays are EARLY-DISMISSAL for 2019-20.** This is important to note. Every Wednesday, you should expect your kids to get home about 50-60 minutes early if they are



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riding the bus. Students will be dismissed at the following times from each building ONLY on Wednesdays: CECC - 1:30, DCES - 2:15, DCMS/DCHS - 2:30. I thank you in advance. This time will be used to allow for professional development for our staff - this arrangement allows us to work more cohesively as a school district toward our defined visions and goals.

- ◆ Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) - Our PTA did a wonderful job last year providing opportunities for our students, staff, and learning community. Our carnival last year was a huge hit again! I challenge my busy parents to pick at least one PTA meeting to attend. I will share these dates/times with you as soon as they are determined. This is our school - I value your input!
- ◆ New Additions/Changes to our Staff:
 - Mrs. Lori Schwarzkopf will teach kindergarten
 - Mrs. Kate Evans (formerly Hickner) will teach 3rd Grade
 - Mrs. Alanna Bender will teach 3rd Grade (new hire)
 - Mrs. Laine Kitchel will teach 3rd Grade (new hire)
 - Miss Ashley Hansel will teach art (new hire)
 - Mrs. Dawn Amato attendance secretary (new hire)
 - Mrs. Christina Walker evening custodian (new hire)
- ◆ Volunteers - We have great volunteers at DCSC. We would like more. If you can give any time (whether it be an hour a week or a day a week), let me know. First, be sure to complete the limited criminal background check. We need you! I can talk to you about options within our school.
- ◆ Skyward - Skyward is underappreciated in my opinion. Be sure you are connected to the program. It is the device we use to share grades, classroom/building information/news, attendance, etc. **It is important that our kids know we are connected.** If you ever have questions about Skyward, please reach out to me.
- ◆ Promise Carroll County - College is expensive - if you don't know, trust me! Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to enroll in a CollegeChoice 529 account opened on their behalf with an initial \$25 deposit from the Carroll County Promise. Families will be encouraged to contribute to these accounts with the opportunities for additional incentives from the Promise.
- ◆ Student Handbook can be found on the website under student or parent resources
- ◆ Please mark your calendars now for a **predetermined elearning day on Thursday, October 3rd**. On this date, students will NOT be in traditional school but participating in their studies via elearning methods. This is an important date for our entire staff as we will launch year two of TLIM program. Our staff will be in professional development for this date while also spending some time answering questions related to elearning activities.
- ◆ Construction efforts at DCES - The building is still a construction zone and will be up until our first student day. There are improvements being made to heating and cooling in several rooms, instillment of carpet in the 3rd grade classrooms, and replacement of several windows and doors. In addition, there are improvements made to the playground - this will



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include a swing set and other equipment installed along with an improved base to the playground (a wood engineered fiber is to be installed).



Several local community organizations are pitching in to lead this 'Back to School Bash' for DCSC families. I encourage you to swing by and participate in the festivities. All the information is included in the flier.



There is a great amount of information in this letter. I hope you read it. CECC/DCES are amazing places for our students, teachers, parents, and community - we want to make it better!

Proud Principal,

Bill Shidler