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Diamond Lakes Elementary Open House Letter

Greetings Gems,

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome each of you to the 2020-2021 school year. It seems like forever since we were last together back in March of last school year. While a great deal has changed over the last several months, the staff at Diamond  Lakes Elementary along with the entire Richmond County School System, have been working to ensure that our transition back to school will be one that is productive, safe, and exhibits a caring GEM-Tastic spirit. Although our school environment will be somewhat modified based on the challenges of COVID-19, we are all committed to providing a learning environment that is as close to normal as possible. As always, it is our goal to build on past experiences in order to maintain and enhance each Gem's future learning experience.

Once again, our theme for this year will be "GEMS "Shine" Bright Near and Fear ." We will continue to offer a variety of activities and lessons designed to spark interest that will make learning both meaningful and fun virtually and face to face. We simply cannot wait for you to experience our new Learning Platform Canvas.

Our Diamond Lakes COVID Plan will help explain how the typical school day may look a little different. One of the big differences this year will be that our Open House will not be held in the typical manner as you can already tell. Take a moment to review our newly established DLE Covid Safety Plan for more detailed updates. Please understand that we will continuously monitor and adjust processes and procedures based on the most current situations. It is our priority to make DLE a healthy, safe place where our students can learn and Shine.

As some of you prepare to return for face to face instruction, we would like to make you aware of some changes in our daily procedures.

*Parents will not be permitted in the building unless they have scheduled an appointment with the front office; this change includes the first day of school.

*Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:50 a.m. in our car rider line in the cafeteria parking lot. The drop-off line is the only authorized and supervised place to let students out of the vehicle.

We will not be receiving Walk-Up students through the front door this year.

The drop-off line will close each morning at 8:10 a.m. so that students can transition and ready themselves for instruction at 8:15 a.m.

*There will be no changes to transportation made in the front office after 2:00 p.m. daily; nor will students be released from the front office after 2:00 pm.

*Students will start being dismissed at 3:10 p.m. each day to assist with transition time.

*Prime Time will be available this year; providing both a.m. and p.m. services.

Mrs. James, our Assistant Principal, and I are eagerly awaiting the first day of school which will be Tuesday, September 8th. We cannot wait to see your smiling faces and look forward to having the Gem 💎 family back together.