

June 2, 2017

Dear KIS Parents,

As this school year comes to a close, I want to send an update regarding several important topics. At the top of my list is to thank all of you for seven wonderful years leading the education of your children. These have been the best years of my career, and as I leave KIS, I can say with certainty that your sons and daughters are getting an education second to none! I am confident that in coming years, and with Michelle Quirin's leadership, KIS will continue to improve and have even better results!

Secondly, we are going to have an extremely busy summer on the Pangyo campus with considerable improvements for students next year! Our Facilities Remodel Plan is being finalized and you will see these exciting changes when your children come back to school in the fall:

1. A new community center where our cafeteria now is with opened up spaces, new meeting/eating rooms, lots more space, a newly designed look, a higher ceiling, a new PTO store, and a convenience store.
2. A new nurse's office location in the room back by the mini-auditorium. This will be closer for the little patients.
3. Two new music classrooms and two remodeled music classrooms will bring our music classrooms closer together. The ES music area on the cafeteria level will now have two more music classrooms and the music rooms on the floor above will be expanded.
4. A new STEM suite on the second floor of the high school will be created. This should be a showcase, purpose-built, integrated area to replace the current classrooms.
5. A new Fitness Center will be built where the squash courts are now. We hope this will be a state of the art facility that is closer to other athletic spaces.
6. A new mini-gym on the soccer field level in the wing behind the PTO concession booth. There is a large space there we are combining and re-purposing.
7. The mini-auditorium will be the new Early Childhood indoor play area.
8. The elementary office will move across the hall replacing the elementary teacher work room, and the entire elementary first floor space across from the ES library will be our new KoLAB/STEM suite.
9. We are adding a second JK Classroom and moving both JKs to the ES 2nd floor to be near the Kinders and 1sts.
10. The 3-year-olds, our PK program, will move into the old mini-auditorium where the sound booth has been, conveniently next to the new nurse's office.
11. Mr. Rich and our alumni office will move to the G-Building 2nd floor - think close to the barbecue area!
12. Various other minor changes will happen to create some new storage space, music practice rooms, student support areas, and world language rooms.





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All this construction should be done this summer. Please bear with any disruption or lack of access caused by our projects. Unfortunately, our libraries will need to close to allow this construction to take place, so we will not be able to offer summer book check outs. However, many books and resources will be available online which you can access at <http://destiny.kis.or.kr>. Fortunately, our Summer Program will be better than ever, and it will be held on the Pangyo campus in the G-Building far from any construction projects.

Thirdly, as we expand and improve our PK and JK programs, we are also making some schedule changes for those ages. Some families have expressed an interest in starting school at 9:00 a.m. rather than 8:00 a.m. for their young PK and JK children. Because of this, an optional late start time has been created to support those families. The PK/JK schedule for next year, 2017-2018, will be as follows:

- Regular Daily scheduled time will be 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Optional Start time will be 9:00 a.m.
- Children will be cared for and supervised until 3:00 p.m.
- All core curriculum instruction will be between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Some instruction and class meeting time may take place from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- The 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. schedule will include age-appropriate rest times and play times, as scheduled by the school, in addition to the core instruction targeting reading, writing, and math skill development.
- The entire PK/JK program will be designed to develop the whole child and include activities that strengthen basic skills, inquiry, problem solving, collaboration, social competence, and self-management.
- Optional bus service is available for both 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. start times.
- Tuition will be the same for early start and late start children.

If you have any questions about this, please contact KIS as follows:

For questions regarding instruction: KIS Elementary Office 031-789-0601

For questions regarding busing or tuition: KIS Business Office 031-789-0509

I wish you all a wonderful summer. As you know, students begin school in the fall on Monday, August 7. Our teachers look forward to seeing you then and will be eager to show off the school improvements at that time. In the mean time, please enjoy the warm weather and special times with your families.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Cathers, Outbound Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Quirin', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Quirin, KIS School Director