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**Dear Elementary Families,**

**Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! New Student Orientation will be Friday, August 10th, 1:30-3:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Just follow the signs!**

We will share with our new families the elementary schedule, introduce our teachers, help with purchasing P.E. clothes at our student store, and load money onto ID card for school lunches. New families will also be able to visit their children's classrooms to ensure they are comfortable for the first day of school.

**Returning students are invited to join us after 2:00 PM to meet their teacher and remind themselves where everything is.**

After meeting classroom teachers, we would like to invite everyone to the outdoor playground (blue area) where our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host a popsicle party for students to meet new friends and members of the KIS community.

Returning families who have children that are more comfortable about school start up may choose not to visit school. That is okay! **Class lists will be shared with parents before August 10th** so you can see your child's class assignment without having to make a special trip. We trust this will be helpful. Please make sure that Ms. Amy Kim ([essecretary@kis.or.kr](mailto:essecretary@kis.or.kr)) has your correct email address so that we can inform you about class assignments.

As a reminder, our teachers have been working hard to recommend class placements for the year. They know the strengths and weaknesses of each child and will place the students accordingly. Teachers need to juggle gender, nationality, academic ability, behaviors, personalities, etc., and to the best of their ability, create balanced classes. This may mean that your child is not in a class with their best friend! While it's difficult at first, we know that children adapt quickly and they will be encouraged to build and create new friendships. **Because of the strategic placements, requests for changes will not be considered at this time and we kindly ask that you trust the process.** We believe we are able to make the very best placement for your child and with our capable teaching faculty we are confident that all of our students will transition very smoothly.

On the first day of school, All elementary students will go directly to the field (sunny day) or to the lower gym (rainy day) to find their class and teacher. All faculty will be on hand to escort children from B3 and/or busses to the correct place and will ensure they find their teacher. From there, the students will be escorted to class by their teachers to start their first day. Parents can come if they would like, however, we ask that once the teacher takes the children into school parents wave goodbye and let them go with their teachers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Peterson', is written in a cursive style.

Kindest Regards,  
Travis Peterson, Principal