



## KUTZTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*-Maximize Potential, Embrace Change, Create the Future-*

Dear KES Families,

The 2018-2019 School Year is upon us! I am eager to welcome our students on August 27, the first day of school. Kutztown Elementary School opens at 8:30 every day (students are not permitted to be dropped off any earlier unless specific arrangements have been made - ex. music rehearsal); at that time students may:

- sit with their class in the cafeteria
- purchase & eat breakfast
- read in the library
- participate in "morning movement" in the gym
- play in the band, jazz band, or other music club
- practice math in the innovation & design studio
- work with a teacher • (*options vary based on grade level and cycle day*)

Students must be **in their classrooms at 9:00**, at which time Rise & Read begins. Being late to school makes it impossible for your child to participate in any of the above-mentioned opportunities and makes it difficult for them to start their day off right. Please ensure your child is **ON TIME EVERY DAY**. Please, also, avoid scheduling appointments and vacations during school hours.

This year, you will see a new face at KES, Mrs. Tina Caulfield. She has been the librarian at GES and will now also serve as librarian at KES. She is excited to be a part of our KES family, and we are happy to have her here! Please stop in to introduce yourself.

***Please join us for these events, each of which are designed to facilitate the transition to the new school year:***

### **Kindergarten Meet and Greet-Thursday, August 16@ 6:00-7:00**

This is an opportunity for you and your child to get to know their teacher and for the teacher to get to know you. This is designed to be a casual evening during which you may come and go as your schedule allows.

### **Self-Guided Tours at KES - Monday, August 21 @ 4:30-5:30**

- Students and parents in all grades may attend brief self-guided walking tours (10-15 minutes in length) of the building. Students can see where their new classrooms are located and become reacquainted with KES. Teachers are not in attendance during this event.

### **Kindergarten Bus and Building Orientation at KES- Tuesday, August 21 @ 6:00-7:00**

This is an orientation for all incoming kindergarten students and parents at Kutztown Elementary.. Your child will participate in a fun school adventure and bus ride while parents visit with the classroom teacher to learn about the kindergarten experience and review the kindergarten procedures and curriculum.

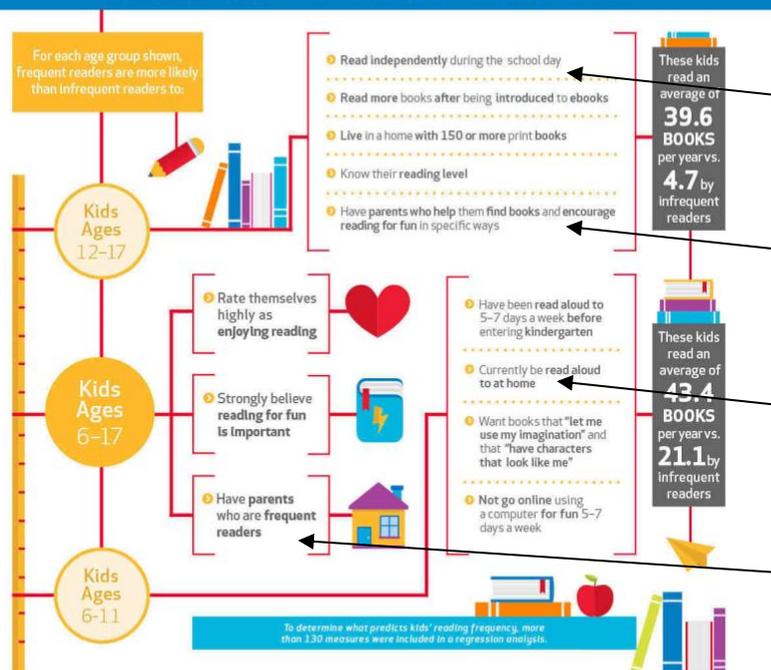
### **Back-to-School Night at KES- Wednesday, August 22 @7:00-8:30**

The Kutztown Elementary School faculty cordially invite parents and guardians to this annual program. Multiple sessions will be held so families with more than one child at KES can visit all the teachers. This is a very important evening designed to share the expectation for the school year and allow an opportunity for families to ask questions.

**This evening is intended for adults only.**

Finally, we have been striving toward making KES a community of readers. Some initiatives we have implemented in the past few years to support this are: Rise & Read, School-wide Read-aloud, and the Summer Book Bus. **You can help promote reading at home and help us achieve our goal of ensuring all students can read on grade-level by the end of third grade.** If you do not have books at home, we will work with you to provide books for the whole family- please call me and we will help you.

## What Makes Frequent Readers: The Most Powerful Predictors



In addition to the reading students do as part of instruction, students read a book of their choice during Rise & Read daily. Don't let your child miss this opportunity to grow as readers from 9:00-9:20 everyday!

How do you help your child find books and encourage them to read? Visit the public library...set aside a time to read daily...read aloud to your child before bed.

If this isn't practice in your household, it's not too late to start, and your child is NEVER too old.

Are you setting the example of being a reader? This doesn't always mean you are reading a book...magazines and newspapers count, too!

Results from a nationally representative survey of 1,026 parents of children ages 6-17, plus one child age 6-17 from the same household, conducted August 29, 2014 through September 10, 2014, and managed by YouGov. See the full methodology at [scholastic.com/readingreport](http://scholastic.com/readingreport). Frequent readers are defined as children who read books 5-7 days a week, whereas infrequent readers read books for fun less than one day a week.

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We look forward to partnering with you to make 2018-2019 a wonderful year for your child and your entire family. My door is always open - please never hesitate to contact me if you have a question, concern, or feedback for us.

Best regards,

*Deb Barnes*

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