

Flocktown-Kossmann Elementary School

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Dear Families of our FKS Preschoolers,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Flocktown-Kossmann School, I extend you and your child a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Preschool and the 2022-23 school year! We especially welcome our new families and students who recently moved to the FKS community. I hope your family had a wonderful summer full of memory making adventures and quality time together. We are very excited for a return to typical, pre-pandemic learning and procedures in our buildings once again. We are working diligently in the remaining days of summer to be sure everything is in order for *the first day on Thursday, September 1st for all students.*

Mrs. Matulewicz, your child's teacher, will provide you with a welcome letter and simple supply list shortly.

Our new school webpage will be your best source of information for all things FKS. Please be sure to download the mobile app for live feed updates and notices. The mobile app will take the place of our former Twitter account. On this page, you'll find our school events calendar, which is updated regularly. For any event, click on the title of the event to see its description.

You can access the 'District Forms and Guidance Documents' using [this link](#) or on the Parent Resources link under Parents & Community on the district page for any forms that may pertain to your situation. Our on-campus After Care provider can be accessed using [this link](#) or from our school webpage under 'For Parents' on the 'Menu'.

Below are a few items you should be aware of before the first day:

- You and your child are invited to our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and New Student Bus Safety Orientation on Wednesday, August 24 at 9:00 am starting in the Kossmann Multi-Purpose Room. The PTA will serve ice pops for the children outside following this event.
- To help alleviate any first-day-of-school jitters, we invite you and your child to attend your teacher's *Welcome Back the Pack Classroom Walkthrough* event on Wednesday, August 31 from 1:15 - 2:15. You will have the opportunity to visit with Mrs. Matulewicz and familiarize your child with the classroom. *This is not an opportunity to conference with the teacher about your child.* If you'd like to communicate with your teacher(s) in depth, please email or schedule a phone conference, so that all families of the class can meet the teacher. Following the Walkthrough, our amazing PTA will provide ice cream from a stand under the oak tree along the bus walk closer to the Kossmann building.
- The first day of school is a typical, partial-day session for students (AM: 7:45 am -10:30 am). Please provide a snack for your child each day.
- It is strongly encouraged that your child ride the bus every day, beginning with the first day of school. Students are not allowed to be dropped off at school prior to 7:40. Should you arrive earlier, your child must remain in your vehicle with you, without exception. Supervision is not provided prior to 7:40.

- If you are transporting your child, follow the procedures for Pre-K in the video being sent out next week.
- The Preschool Back to School Night presentation will take place Wednesday, September 21 beginning at 6:30 pm in the classroom.

Lastly, should you have any questions about your child's program, please contact Mrs. Leonhardt, your child's case manager, at 908.850.1010, x-5006.

We share in your excitement during this wonderful time. We will quickly earn your trust and you will see in our actions that your child is well taken care of at school. May you and your family experience joy, peace, wonder and awe in these remaining days of summer.

With great anticipation and kind regards,



Michael Craver
Proud Principal – Flocktown-Kossmann School

