



Welcome to another exciting school year at Duxberry Park Arts Impact Elementary School. I am so very excited to be joining you as your Principal this school year and I look forward to the enriching learning experiences that Duxberry Park students engage in each day. I have a strong belief that each and every child is *BORN 2 WIN* and I have made a personal commitment to work to ensure that we strive to meet the needs of each and every child to ensure that they are *READY 4 SUCCESS!*

At the end of the day, I want *YOUR* child to look me in my face and say.... "*#WINNING!!!*"

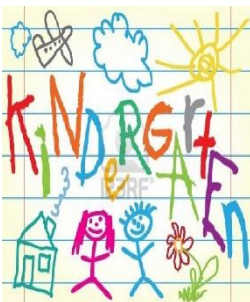
To start the school year off with winning success there are some important details you need to be aware of:

Ongoing Construction - Duxberry Park had central air-conditioning installed over the summer! Yes! We are looking forward to a better climate for your child to learn, but during the first month of school, please be patient as the contractors finish their work, and **DO NOT BE ALARMED** if things seem a little out of place or unkempt. The environment will be safe, the staff will be welcoming, the learning will continue and by the end of September we will be in a cooler building to boot! *#WINNING!!!*



Back to School Meet and Greet - This annual event will be on Monday, August 20th from 6-7:30. Teachers and I will be on hand to meet you and answer your questions as we prepare for a new year. Our community partners will be providing food, school supplies, music and fun! Learn about the Pastries with the Principal Chat and Chew, as well as learn how you can get involved in our school this year!

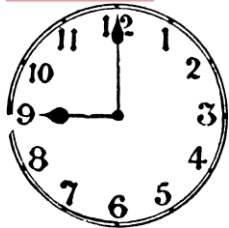
The first day of school this year is THURSDAY, August 23. This is a change from previous years, and will allow our teachers to participate in some training that will continue to reinforce the skills that we want our teachers to have to best serve your child! *#Ready4Success #WINNING!*



First day of school for Kindergarten students is August 28th. Please see the enclosed letter regarding Kindergarten assessments. The first day for preschoolers is September 5th and more information will be coming from Early Childhood Education.



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Attendance - Please remember school starts each day promptly at 9:00 a.m. and we want your student to get every moment of education

they deserve to ensure they are **READY4SUCCESS!** Please have your student here at 8:30 to receive a nutritious breakfast, and ensure they are in homeroom on time. Teachers will take attendance promptly at 9 so that they

can get right into the learning!

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Dismissal- To ensure the safety of each of our students, please make sure they know their dismissal plans. Walkers and pickups are released at 3:22 to make room for busses to be released promptly at 3:30. Information about our parent pick-up protocol will be provided at our Meet and Greet, and will be posted on our school website soon. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL DURING ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL HOURS.** Thanks so much! Winning!!!

- Early pick up and bus routes - If your child needs to leave early for an appointment, for the safety of all of our children, please be prepared to show a photo ID at the front office. Changes in pickup plans must be communicated by 2:30 to the office. Bus Route information will be mailed to parents by transportation and if you have not received your bus information, please call 614-365-5074 as soon as possible! The first few days can be hectic and we want each student to be **READY4 SUCCESS!**

Class Visitation - We want parents involved in our school and classroom visits are welcome, however, we do not want to disrupt the learning environment! Please call the office and inform us of your plans to visit with a 24 hour notice and we will walk you through the building sign-in process. I am convinced that you join us in wanting to keep all our students safe, so you won't mind these safety precautions that will set our students up for **WINNING!!!!**

Get Involved - *Don't forget that we are all partners in setting our students up to WIN!* So don't forget to save your box tops for education that will earn our school money, come out to our Meet and Greet, where you can join our parent organization, **receive free school supplies**, share a hotdog dinner with your school family, and learn more about how you can partner with us to ensure that your child is set up and **READY4 SUCCESS!!!!** I want to meet you and partner with you because I know that you also believe that your child is **BORN TO WIN!!!!**



Feel free to come in or reach out to Ms. Kushner, our new secretary, or me when we return to the building on August 17th. The school number is 614-365-6023! There are some additional items enclosed, including a school supply list and Kindergarten assessment information if you have a new little one joining us.

Looking forward to a winning year of working to ensure your student is ready for success!!!

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