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Dear Davis Drive Middle School Families and Students:

On behalf of the staff and families of Davis Drive Middle School, welcome to 6th Grade! We are very excited about the start of the school year and look forward to getting to know your child and family. You are joining a well-rounded school family and we are honored to have you become a part of our community. As a former Elementary Teacher, Elementary Assistant Principal, Elementary Principal, and a current parent of a middle school child, I am well aware of the excitement (and fear) that comes with transitioning into middle school. Please know that we are here to make the transition easy, smooth, and fearless for all. Please feel free to contact us if you need anything at all. We look forward to seeing our students on the first day of school – **Monday, August 26.**

This year, our school’s annual theme will be centered around 3-D’s of focus: **“Develop, Drive, and Deliver Excellence @ Davis Drive”** Each stakeholder plays an important role in making our school great and this next year, we will continue to focus on taking our school to **BIGGER and GREATER** heights. As your **PROUD and GRATEFUL** leader, I am very committed to upholding the integrity and culture in place at our school, providing open communication to all, and serving as a strong instructional leader. My belief is that all students deserve a rewarding, positive, enriched, and well-rounded middle school experience. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Our school hours are from **8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Students may enter as early as **7:45 a.m.** and proceed to their holding areas. When parents are in our building, we do ask that you please be sure to sign into the front office upon arrival.

The Wake County Public School System will not offer early release days this year. Instead, our teacher workdays will serve as time for our teachers to receive professional development, since school will be closed for students. Our teacher workdays for this year are as follows: **(Sept. 30, Oct. 9, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Dec 20, Jan. 1, Jan. 2, Feb. 18, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May. 1).**

Our annual **“Panther Pride/Meet The Teacher”** event (for rising 6th graders) is scheduled for **Thursday, August 22 from 8:30-10:00 for last names A-L and 10:30-12:00 for last names M-Z.** This will be your opportunity to pick up your child’s schedule and meet their teachers. We invite you to drop by to meet your child’s teachers and to fellowship with members of the Davis Drive Middle School community. You will have the opportunity to purchase your child’s agenda, join the PTA, set up student lunch accounts, and discuss any transportation questions with our transportation contact. Student school supply lists are enclosed with this letter and is posted on our website.

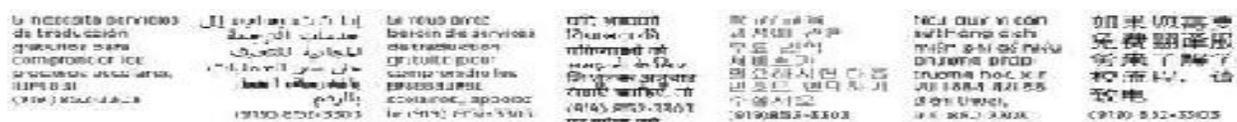
Free/reduced lunch applications will be mailed to all students one week before school starts. These forms must be resubmitted at the beginning of each year even if a student previously received free or reduced price lunch. Any student who received free/reduced lunch last year will continue to receive the same service for the first 15 days of school while the applications are being processed. School meal prices for students are as follows:

	Regular	Reduced
Breakfast	\$1.50	no charge
Lunch	\$3.00	\$.40

Money can be placed on your child’s card through our cafeteria between 7:45 - 8:15 a.m. daily. You can also load money using the online system. The web address is www.mylunchmoney.com Please make checks payable to “Davis Drive Middle School Cafeteria.”

Carpool students are to be dropped off between 7:45 and 8:15 and picked up from 3:00 until 3:30 in the carpool lane. **Please refrain from using your cell phone while driving through carpool.** Please be sure to read over the enclosed carpool procedures for further information.

***Please refer to the back of this letter for more information. ***





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Parents, guardians, and family members interested in serving as a school volunteer must complete the **Wake County Volunteer Registration** process before serving in this capacity. We encourage you to register at the highest possible level so that you will be able to participate in all field trips and special events. You may register online at any Wake County Public School and **must** re-register even if you completed the process last year. We will have devices available for parents to complete this process during our Panther Pride/Meet the Teacher events. More information is enclosed with this letter.

As we begin the 2019-2020 school year, we extend a warm welcome to our new families. It is going to be another super year and we are delighted that you are sharing your child/children with us! Join us as we continue to **#drivefwd** while using our 3-D lenses to **“Develop, Drive, and Deliver Excellence @ Davis Drive”**

Warm Regards,

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