

LITCHFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome again to our new school year! I am happy to report that we had a very smooth opening and successful first week. Our students are transitioning well to their new teachers and classrooms. Today, we were able to host our first school-wide assembly to introduce our character building program called "The Keys of Good Character." Throughout the year, students will study and recognize in each other such "keys" as trustworthiness, empathy, respect, responsibility, and fairness. As they demonstrate these positive behaviors, students will earn classroom rewards. We feel that this program will fit in nicely with our developmental guidance program and promotion of a healthy active lifestyle.

It is nice to see that the students are enjoying and making full use of the playscape and field during recess. We do ask, however, that students abandon their summer-time flip-flops in favor of sneakers with socks. This will help protect their feet from bruises, cuts, and blisters while they are active outdoors. It also keeps the kids safer on our stairwells.

I would also like to thank our parents who volunteered this summer to tend our recently established garden. We look forward to continuing our garden this year, as well. As part of our healthy initiatives, we ask parents to join our partnership by providing healthy snacks for their children during the day and to refrain from sending in treats of lesser nutritional value for birthdays or celebrations. Non-food items for celebrations are also welcome. For your reference, I have attached a copy of the Board of Education's Wellness Policy. Finally, I would like to share some upcoming important dates:

Monday, September 6: Labor Day, no school
Wednesday, September 8: Band Open House, 5:00 to 6:00
Tuesday, September 21: LIS Open House, 6:00 to 7:30
Wednesday, September 22: PTO Meeting at Center School at 7:00

I would like to thank you for your continued support as we start another wonderful year at LIS. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or your child.

Enjoy the long weekend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Murphy".

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