August 2015

Dear Lanier Students and Families:

We look forward to welcoming our students back to Lanier Middle School! The 2015-2016 school year begins on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:30 AM. School dismissal time is 2:15 PM.

Enclosed in this mailing is a pre-printed Emergency Care Information Form for you to review and verify that the information is correct as printed. Also enclosed is the Health Information Form. The enrolling parent should sign the forms and return them to school during the Eagle Fly-By on September 2, 2015. If you are unable to attend this event, these forms are due to your student’s 1st period teacher on the first day of school.

If there are changes to the Emergency Care Information Form, please cross out and write in the correct information; do not white-out the incorrect information. If there is a change to the student’s home address, proof of the new address must be received in the Office of School Counseling before we are able to make the change in our student information system. The original deed, lease agreement, or resident manager’s letter is acceptable as proof of the student’s home address. You will also need to bring your driver’s license or other proof of identity verifying that you are the enrolling parent, and therefore eligible to make these changes to your student’s record.

Please note that only those students who return their completed Emergency Care Form and Health Information Form at the Eagle Fly By will receive a copy of their schedule at this event. All other students will receive their schedule on the first day of school.

THE EAGLE FLY-BY AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR: WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2015

Back-to-School packets will not be mailed home. During the “Eagle Fly-By,” Lanier staff will be distributing packets to parents and students from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. This packet will contain general information about Lanier Middle School, the PTA, and bus transportation routes. If you have any questions after reviewing the transportation information, please call the transportation office at (703) 249-7000.

On September 2nd we will also host a Back-to-School Community Resource Fair in conjunction with the Eagle Fly-By. At this event a number of community organizations will highlight resources available for our families. Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information.

There will be an optional Lanier MS Parent Orientation session presented by Lanier administrators in the auditorium at 4:00 PM.

Members of our Food Services team will be available to assist parents in setting up lunch accounts before the first day of school.

Also included in this packet is the Student Rights & Responsibilities booklet. The Parent or Guardian Signature Sheet enclosed in this booklet must be returned to your child’s 1st period teacher in order for your child to be issued a locker. Lockers will be issued on Friday, September 11th to students that have returned this form.

MEDICATIONS

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, you will need to complete and sign Part 1 of the correct authorization form, and have your physician complete and sign Part 2. The form and the medication, in a labeled container, must be brought to school by an adult. Your student may not transport the medication to school.
or have any medication in school without the appropriate medication authorization form. Our school clinic aide will be in the clinic during the Eagle Fly-By to receive medications from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Forms are available on the FCPS website; click on “forms” where you will see the health forms listed together. If you have any questions regarding medications, please contact the public health nurse at Awendlandbud@fcps.edu or 703-481-4072. After school opens, you may call the clinic directly at (703)934-2410.

**NEW STUDENT & PARENT ORIENTATION: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

All 7th grade students, any new 8th grade students, and parents new to Lanier MS are invited to participate in an orientation session on **Friday, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015, from 9:00 AM until 11:10 AM.** Upon arrival, students should report to the auditorium. **The parent session will begin at 9:30 AM in Room 153.** Coffee and doughnuts will be served, and parents will have an opportunity to meet our administrative team and learn more about Lanier MS.

Transportation to the orientation will be provided by county school buses. Pick-up locations and times are below. Students will return to these pick-up locations at approximately 11:30 AM-12:00 PM.

**Parents- please use the enclosed list of orientation rooms to assist your child in identifying where he or she will go after exiting the auditorium.**

**FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

On **Tuesday, September 8, 2015,** all students should report to their orientation room where they will receive their schedule. Orientation rooms for 7th and 8th grade students are enclosed and will be posted throughout the building.

Lockers will be distributed on Friday, September 11th. **In order to be issued a locker, students must return the signed Parent or Guardian Signature Sheet from the Student Rights & Responsibilities booklet to their 1st period teacher.** This form is included in the Back-to-School Information Packet. If you do not attend the Eagle-Fly-By, your child will receive this packet on the first day of school during the orientation period. Before lockers are distributed on the 11th, students will be allowed to carry a bag for their supplies. After this time, bags are expected to be stored in the locker during the school day.

Teachers will distribute their course objectives, grading policies, and other course requirements during the first week of school. Students will also receive specific supply requirements at this time, as well as their assignment notebooks, which they are required to use daily. All students will need a **three-ring binder, pens, pencils, paper, and dividers.**

On behalf of the Lanier staff and faculty, we want to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. With your support and commitment, we look forward to a memorable and productive academic year. Please call the Office of School Counseling at (703) 934-2430 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Erin B. Lenart
Principal

Rebecca J. Aguilar
Director of Student Services

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, September 4, 2015**

**New Student Orientation (9:00 AM-11:10 AM)*

*Transportation pick-up time from the following elementary schools will be at 8:30 AM. Return times will be between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM:

- Colin Powell ES
- Greenbriar East ES
- Daniels Run ES
- Providence ES
- Eagle View ES
- Willow Springs ES

**Thursday, September 24, 2015**

**Back-to-School Night – 7th Grade Parents (7:00 PM)**

**Thursday, October 1, 2015**

**Back-to-School Night – 8th Grade Parents (7:00 PM)**