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Dear Gilbert Families,

I hope you have had a restful summer vacation! Together with the dedicated staff at Gilbert, we strive to provide our children with long lasting experiences that shape their childhood but also, offer them the foundation in education they need to be active and productive for the rest of their lives. We firmly believe all students can learn given a positive learning atmosphere that welcomes exploration and enriches student confidence.

As I'm sure you may be aware, there have been many exciting changes to the staff here at Gilbert. As we anticipate the start of the new year, we welcome the following staff members to the Gilbert family: Mrs. Chrissy Lagonikos (Grade 2), Ms. Taylor Rauth (Grade 2 Maternity Leave), Ms. Carissa Wolf (Grade 3), Mrs. Jessica Phillips (Special Education) and Ms. Jamie Harr (Special Education). In other staff news, Mrs. Galati, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Calissi and Mrs. Schweitzer-Rivera are excited to begin their new assignments in Kindergarten, Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 5 Special Education, respectively.

Family involvement in the school's programs and activities has become pivotal in the success found here at Gilbert. A strong partnership with the Home School Association (HSA) has worked to provide programs that enhance the educational experience of our students. Please get involved- the spirit of volunteerism provides the cooperation that leads to success!

To ensure a smooth and safe first day of school on **Thursday, September 5, 2019**, parents who drop their child off at school have two viable options:

- You may park in the Speidel Avenue parking lot and walk your child across Speidel Avenue via the school crossing guard, or:
- You may use the "Drop Off" Procedure. Please line up your car on Speidel Avenue and drop your child off at the blacktop gate (students will exit the **right** side of the vehicle onto the sidewalk safely). **Students will walk up to Gilbert Ave. and enter the first gate (on Gilbert Ave.) onto school property.**

Cars will be permitted to drop off children starting at 8:20 a.m., supervised by staff stationed at the gate. Students will be supervised on the rear blacktop before the rear school doors open at 8:30 a.m. All students will enter through the first gate on Gilbert Avenue and walk to the rear of the building. We will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m.! Further details for arrival and dismissal can be found on the Gilbert Avenue homepage: <http://gilbert.elmwoodparkschools.org/>

Please note: Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th are Single Session days, dismissal is at 1:00 P.M.

Finally, I am excited to introduce the new Gilbert secretary, Mrs. Caren Fassbender. Please be sure to give Mrs. Fassbender a warm welcome, she is a great addition to our team!

I am looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year and seeing all of you on September 5th!

Sincerely yours,

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