

Jennings School

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Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds everyone well and preparing for an exciting year in Kindergarten. Our class lists will be released today. In preparation, I wanted to take a moment to update the entire Kindergarten community on an important matter. You were made aware at orientation that we had enough students for two sections. If you recall, K-2 sizes should not exceed 23. We have welcomed new families to our school over the summer. The movement of students currently places our grade level at 23 and 23 students respectively.

So you may ask... what does this mean? The reality is that we are very close to adding a new section in this grade level. We are still in the midst of registering new students in multiple grade levels and wish to be proactive with our communication to the families. A scenario of having one more student join in this grade level means we would potentially create a new class list for 3 sections.

Although there are many logistical considerations to plan for, ultimately the benefit from going from 23 to 15 in a class is immeasurable. The Jennings team is poised and prepared for this possibility and I will communicate openly with the community if this becomes more of a reality in the days to come. The additional section could be created any day prior to start of school and even after the school year begins.

I realize there will be many thoughts and questions if this happens. This has been successfully done in a few schools the past couple of years and will be successful if it happens here! If this does become a reality, we will host a parent information session where the staff and I can lay out our plan and field questions or concerns.

I thank you in advance for your support and flexibility. We realize the potential effects of this scenario and will work to highlight the positive impact while keeping in mind movement at this late date could cause everyone to be anxious. Please feel free to reach out if you have specific questions and hold general questions for the aforementioned parent meeting.

I understand that this may cause some anxiety for families. I respectfully ask parents to hold off discussing this possibility with the students until it becomes a reality. We will plan an appropriate way to share this with the students and prepare them for the changes if necessary.

Enjoy your last days of vacation! I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Regards,

Tony Vuolo
Principal