

Dear KGA Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited to have all of our students and families back in our KGA community! We hope that our campus will feel back to normal, but we are being very mindful to keep some mitigation measures in place as we get started with our new year.

As we start our school year, we appreciate your patience as we organize our campus for reopening. Our first school event is Meet the Teacher Team! We will be hosting this event on Monday, July 19th and Tuesday, July 20th. Please see the schedule for your time and grade level. Meet the Teacher Team is an informal, open house for students and parents to meet their grade level teachers, special area teachers, provide transportation information, order spirit gear from your PTO and to get excited about the upcoming school year!

MEET THE TEACHER TEAM

Monday, July 19th: Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grades

5:00-5:40pm - Families with last name beginning with A-M

5:50-6:30pm - Families with the last name beginning with N-Z

Tuesday, July 20th: 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades

5:00-5:40pm - Families with last name beginning with A-M

5:50-6:30pm - Families with the last name beginning with N-Z

For your convenience, the Infinite Campus Parent Portal will be available on Wednesday, July 14th to view your student's homeroom schedule where the homeroom teacher will be listed.

We will share our Curriculum Night presentations virtually this year. Each teaching team has prepared an online presentation for parents to view on their own time. These virtual presentations will be available beginning Wednesday, July 21st with an opportunity for parents to submit questions and receive direct answers and clarifications from your student's teachers. You will receive an email with the presentation and question documents, and these presentations will also be available on our website.

The first day of school is Wednesday, July 21st. We start school at 9:10am and end at 3:40pm. Students may arrive on campus between 8:45am and 9:00am for supervised recess. The late bell is 9:10am. Prior to the first day of school, we will share videos for traffic flows for both drop-off and pick-up, cafeteria information, and any other logistical information. If you are a bus rider, you will receive information from the district's transportation department prior to the first day of school. (Here is the [link](#) to the transportation department's FAQ page)

Communication is a key component to our partnership with our families. The following platforms will help you stay connected to Knox Gifted Academy during the 2021-2022 school year.

[Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#): Online or app-based school and district-wide message center, access your child's grades, attendance, paying fees, donating tax credit, progress and report cards, and district-wide messages.

[KGA Website](#): Teacher bios, curriculum night presentations, school videos, upcoming events, club schedules, and PTO events.

[KGA Twitter](#): Follow us for glimpses into your student's school-wide activities, articles, and student work.

[KGA Instagram](#): Follow us for glimpses into your student's school-wide activities, articles, and student work.

[KGA Facebook](#): Join this page for glimpses into school-side activities, articles, and student work.

The above links are school-wide; each grade-level will provide you with social media profiles that are unique to them. Additionally, each grade level and our busses use Remind for email and/or text messages regarding school events, announcements, and bussing updates. You will receive information on how to sign up for Remind.

We look forward to an exciting school year! Thank you for your ongoing patience and support. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the front office at 480-812-6100.

All our Best,
Lynn Weed, Principal
Kristy Braaksma, Dean of Students