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Dear 7th graders and families on the magnificent Team K!

We hope you are soaking up sunshine and relaxation during your summer vacations. Team K teachers can't wait to meet you on the first day of school on Wednesday, August 30! Until then, you can get to know us by learning a bit about how we are spending our summer vacations.

- Ms. Burke spent her summer lounging by the pool and playing at the beach with her husband, two daughters, and overly exuberant golden retriever!
- Mr. Edinson took his first ever trips to Las Vegas and Portugal, played lots of golf, and spent lots of time at the pool and at the park teaching his daughter how to swim and ride a bike!
- Ms. Magee volunteered as a delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. This meeting happens every year during the week of the 4th of July. Nearly 10,000 teachers from all over the United States come together to work on ways to improve public education. The location of this huge meeting changes every year. This year it was in Boston, Massachusetts! Ms. Magee also traveled to the country of Ghana on the continent of Africa to visit family and friends.
- Mr. Price spent his summer on Chautauqua Lake boating, eating chicken wings, and going to lectures at Chautauqua Institution.
- Mr. Rousseau spent his summer finding the meaning of life in hockey rinks and on golf courses.
- Ms. Sullivan-Flynn (Ms. S-F) worked on her young adult novel (5th draft!), visited the ocean with her family, and read lots of great books.

**School Supplies**

One of the goals of 7th grade is to help students develop organizational skills and systems. To help you develop these skills, we are providing a list of school supplies that we would like you to have for your academic classes by the start of school. It is fine to use recycled supplies- especially binders. If getting these supplies is a financial challenge, let us help: email or call Heather Sullivan-Flynn at 362-1920 (school voicemail) or [Sullivan-FlynnH@arps.org](mailto:Sullivan-FlynnH@arps.org). Also, other subjects, like World Language, may require additional supplies. Each student will be given an assignment book from the school to write down their homework each day.

Teacher	Subject	Supplies
Ms. Burke	Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencils!</li> <li>● 3-ring binder for notes to leave in class</li> <li>● Highlighter</li> <li>● Homework folder for Social Studies</li> </ul>
Mr. Edinson	Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencils!</li> <li>● 3 ring binder for notes to leave in class</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Homework folder for Math</li> </ul>
Mr. Price	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencils!</li> <li>● 3 ring binder for notes to leave in class</li> <li>● Homework folder for Science</li> </ul>
Ms. Sullivan-Flynn Ms Sullivan-Flynn continued	English English continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencils!</li> <li>● 1 subject spiral notebook- to leave in English class</li> <li>● 1 folder with pockets- to leave in English class</li> <li>● Be ready to share the best thing you read this summer from your summer reading!</li> </ul>
<b><u>For everyone</u></b>	<b><u>All classes</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pencil case (optional but useful)</li> <li>● Tissues for your advisory (thanks!)</li> <li>● Headphones/earbuds (totally optional but useful)</li> <li>● Sense of humor &amp; positive attitude (not available in stores!)</li> </ul>

### **Other Information**

We look forward to meeting Team K families at our **Team/Parent/Student Brown-Bag Lunchtime Meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 11:00** and at **Open House on the evening of Thursday, September 28**. Team/Parent/Student Brown-Bag Lunchtime Meeting is a chance to meet your child's advisor, and to see the advisors, team teachers, and students on our team. During Open House, teachers will go into more depth about curriculum and plans for the year. At the start of the year, we will send home Course Expectations for each core academic class. Additionally, we will have parent conferences in October. Another date to remember is our first **Early Release** of the year, which will be **Wednesday, September 20**. Like in elementary school, on Early Release Days students arrive at the regular time, have classes which are shorter than usual, eat lunch, and are dismissed at noon. Teachers spend the afternoon in professional development. **School Picture Day is Tuesday, September 19** this year, and look for information coming soon about fall team field trips!

We are looking forward to a terrific year! We can't wait to see all of you in our classrooms on Wednesday, August 30.

Sincerely,  
Your awesome Team K teachers,

Kate Burke, Social Studies  
Eli Edinson, Mathematics  
Lamikco Magee, Special Education and English  
Norm Price, Science  
Kim Rosati, Special Education  
Mike Rousseau, Special Education and Mathematics  
Heather Sullivan-Flynn, English