Hi All,

***It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the walk-through Thursday!!! A huge thank you goes out to the PTO for sponsoring the event and to our parent volunteers and our new fifth graders who volunteered to be tour guides!!! We look forward to seeing all students in grades 1-5 on Tuesday (on the playground or in the gym/café if raining), the first day of school. We also look forward to seeing our new kindergarten class for their Meet and Greet/ Bus Orientation at 9:30 on Tuesday. When kindergarten families arrive, their nametags will say either A or B. Those with A will go right to the classrooms and those with B will have bus orientation first. Then the groups will switch. It should all be finished by 10:45 ish. Please remember that there is no school for kindergarten on Wednesday, September 4. We will look forward to welcoming them on Thursday, September 5 for their first day.***

***See below for some new news items that have come up since last week’s email. You will also find a reprint of the original letter and the Kindergarten Parent Letter and SES Fast Facts attached again as well for those of you who have not had a chance to read it all. It would be a great idea to print out the Fast Facts and put them in a handy place as they are your “cheat sheet” for SES for 19-20. Enjoy the long Labor Day weekend!!!***

* ***Going forward, new and still relevant items in either the principal’s email and/or the Office Notes section of the weekly “What’s the Buzz ?”(our PTO newsletter), will continue to be bulleted and in bold italics. Old news items that are still relevant will also be bulleted but will not be bolded italics, but left on for reference.***
* ***Please remember that children should not be at school prior to 8:35 as we cannot guarantee supervision unless they are coming for early morning activities which are monitored by staff. Thanks you!***
* ***We are thrilled to tell you that Emily Toney, one of our first grade teachers will be having her third baby in December! Therefore, she has decided to take a one year leave of absence for the 19-20 school year. We are also thrilled to tell you that Mrs. Stepehenie O’Brien, a long term substitute at SES, will be taking over her part time position for the entire school year. Parents of 1 WO received a person letter about this change a week ago.***
* ***If you want to receive the “What’s the Buzz?” from our PTO, you need to email Jen Benham, our PTO President, at*** [***jenLbenham@gmail.com***](mailto:jenLbenham@gmail.com)***. She will add you to the email list.***
* ***Each month (except September), typically the first Wednesday of the month (January is the second Wednesday), South School will ALL have noon dismissals. The purpose of early release is to provide time for faculty meetings, training, and parent-teacher conferences (see underlined dates). You can schedule parent conferences with the school secretary (***[***pgraham@hinghamschools.org***](mailto:pgraham@hinghamschools.org) ***or you can call the office at 781-741-1540. The following are scheduled noon dismissal days for Parent Conferences: (10/2/19, 12/4/18, 2/5/20, 4/1/20) dismissal is at noon, and no lunch is served. On Professional Development Days (11/6/19, 1/8/20, 5/6/20, 6/3/20), dismissal is also at noon and no lunch is served. Special note about Tuesday, March 3, 2020: this will be a day that the children will not have school due to the Presidential Primary. Staff will report for Professional Development, so there will be no early release day in March, just the full day with no school on March 3, 2020.***
* ***Dismissal is also at noon on 11/27/19 to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday. The last day of school also usually has a noon dismissal time. This, however, does not become official until the Spring* *after we get through the snow day period.***
* ***Bus routes are published in the Hingham Journal in late August and are also listed on the HPS website. Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned for safety/capacity reasons. Students may not ride a different bus home with another student without permission of transportation (781-741-1510) due to space and safety considerations. This is only possible in emergency situations. After permission is granted, parents should please write notes to the teacher and the bus driver informing them of this dismissal change.***
* ***MCAS Dates for 2020 will be added to the end of the dates’ section at the bottom or this email when they are final.***

There is also a new edition of **South School Fast Facts** and a ***Kindergarten Parent Letter*** attached to this email. They will answer many questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other questions. We look forward to seeing you all soon! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Mary M. Eastwood (: and Lori Jacobs (: