



August 2021

Dear Japhet School Parents,

Welcome to our 2021-2022 school year ~ I'm thrilled to open our doors on Wednesday, September 8 to students! It's been a very active summer, reorganizing our school space and classrooms to best meet the needs of our students and to launch our Middle School STEM lab. Faculty and staff have been actively preparing for our students' arrival, and we look forward to learning about their summer activities and experiences. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff continues to be of the utmost priority. The **Japhet School 2021-2022 On-campus Learning Plan: Health and Safety Protocols** will be shared with you online separately from this packet within the next two weeks. Please take time to familiarize yourself with all written communications from administration and teachers so you are able to stay current on information. This will ensure that we build a strong partnership and work toward our common goal of maintaining the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff.

The summer was devoted to better aligning our classes within our building to the needs of our student body. Every classroom (except Preschool) has found a new classroom home and most classes have new class names to better identify the level of teaching and learning. It's been a monumental project that the entire staff has worked on diligently ~ especially our facility and maintenance staff.

To those new to Japhet School, the entire school community welcomes you and your family to an enriching school environment. Japhet's mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The character qualities for this year are initiative, courage, gratitude, obedience, punctuality, justice, respect for self, respect for others, and self-control.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character -- that is the goal of true education." Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached documents provide important information for starting the 2021-2022 school year. I heartily welcome Janet Andersen to her new position as Front Office Manager. Over the summer, Emily Krolikowski joined the Japhet School faculty as Lower Elementary teacher (1st and 2nd grades). I'm in the process of filling the position of Upper Elementary teacher (3rd and 4th grades). I look forward to sharing with you the good news when this is finalized. In this email you will find final registration forms. The **Child Information Form** was already emailed to you ~ thank you for returning it promptly! The **TPA** and **Credit Card Authorization Form** was emailed to you by Accounting Manager, Penny Witt. **The first payment is due August 16. All other forms are due Tuesday, August 31.**

Please know that we're here for you. Due to our enhanced health and safety protocols, please call ahead to the office prior to entering the building.

As your Head of School, I look forward to another exciting school year and anticipate many new and exciting educational opportunities! I look forward to meeting each one of you and working together towards the goal of your child(ren)'s progress and success. Indeed, I'm grateful for your commitment to Japhet School and your partnership in education.

Sincerely,

Kerri G. Vizena
Head of School