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Hello everyone and welcome to the new school year!

It's been wonderful to reconnect with so many returning staff, students, and parents this week, as well as welcome new members to our school community. We have added fifteen new staff members to our team including eleven advisory teachers, two Educational assistants and four non enrolling teachers to our Inclusive Learning, Music and Exploratory teams.

It has been a very exciting week here at Cedar Hill and we are ready to start in full swing on Monday. This year we tried things a bit different than in the past and started early into our advisory classes. We structured the week to include lots of advisory and team building time as well as a Wednesday fun day full of activities. The week ended with a yummy pancake breakfast where we served roughly 1500 pancakes to students and staff.

This coming Wednesday, September 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm we will be hosting our annual Family BBQ. Please come and enjoy a hotdog and chips and visit with your child's teacher. The event will begin with our hotdog BBQ between 5:00 and 6:15 pm; bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit and enjoy on our front field. At 6:15 your child will give you a tour of their school and introduce you to their teachers. This is an informal evening and we will conclude at 7:00. The event is free and we look forward to seeing you all here. Also occurring this evening will be the Larson Music rental from 5:00-7:30 for any parents renting an instrument for the child as well as the first CHIMPA (Cedar Hill Music Parents Association) meeting starting at 7:30.

This week students will be bringing home the "Save Around" town coupon books for sale as a fundraiser. Details about the prizes and process will be sent out early in the week from Ms. Reeson who is organizing this school fundraiser. Proceeds will be split between the classes and the purchase of school physical activity equipment. We thank you in advance for your support of this initiative.

Our first PAC meeting will be on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and I look forward to seeing some of you there to work together to continue to make this the wonderful place it is to learn and work.

One week into our new cell phone use policy and we have already noticed the positive effect with only a few infractions noted. Students are finding other activities to engage in at break and are no longer congregating in huddles ignoring the person beside them. We thank you for your support with this change and look forward to continuing to develop healthy and appropriate uses of technology at school.

A reminder to anyone stopping by the school to please check into the office. It can be very busy place throughout the day and your child's safety is our top priority.

It continues to be a wonderful experience as Principal of Cedar Hill and I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming days, weeks and months. Please feel free to drop in anytime.

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