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Dear Parents/Guardians of New Holland Elementary Students,

I hope this letter finds you healthy and relaxed as we prepare for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Students and families who are new to the school may attend a "Self-Guided Building Tour" of New Holland on **August 20, 2018 from 9:00-11:00 AM, 1:00-3:00 PM or 5:00-7:00 PM**. This event is **optional** and all students must please be accompanied by an adult.

We will be welcoming your children when they step off the buses on **Monday, August 27, 2018** and will look forward to watching them grow through the year. I have enclosed a letter that I wrote to the students of NHES, if your child is not yet a reader, please read it to him/her.

The New Holland PTO will be hosting a special "Popsicles in the Park" on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018** from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at New Holland Park. We will have signs to let you know where each grade level is gathering. We are very hopeful that ALL of our New Holland Families will be able to attend!

We also welcome you to attend the New Holland Back-to-School Night on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**; I look forward to seeing all of you that evening. The Back to School event is planned from 5:30-7:30 P.M. A more detailed explanation of the night will be posted on the New Holland Elementary website and in a hand out that comes home with your child at the beginning of the year.

Some of the bigger adjustments that will occur during the **2018-2019** school year are as follows:

- ❖ We will host our "Picture Day" during the first week of school on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018**.
- ❖ We will maintain our student ID method that is not as cumbersome as the "lanyard" system from previous years, but still allows us to use the transportation tracking system for parents.
- ❖ We continued our **Kindergarten Outreach** initiative this summer as a way to personally meet ALL New Holland Families – a large group of teachers volunteered to go out to visit our incoming Kindergarten families! **This awesome initiative is now happening at ALL ELANCO schools!**
- ❖ It can be overwhelming as a family to receive multiple copies of the same correspondences from school. As a cost saving initiative, we will be using a "distribution list system" for the 2018-2019 school year. When a family only needs ONE copy of a correspondence (i.e. monthly newsletters, special event notices, reminders about an early dismissal, etc...) we will send it home with the **YOUNGEST** child from the family in our school. **Please check your YOUNGEST child's back pack for school correspondence.**
- ❖ The district calendar will be maintained and posted online this school year. A hard copy can be printed for you in our school office at your request.
- ❖ **We have a new Assistant Principal at New Holland! Welcome Mrs. Rachel Bruno to our school!**

I realize that it requires a great deal of trust in the partnership between school/home for you to "let go" of your child -**your most precious gift**- for so many hours a day. Please know that your son/daughter will be at the center of decision making and is of the utmost importance in everything we do at New Holland Elementary School.

Enjoy your last weeks of summer as we prepare for the 2018-2019 school year, we are really excited for the school year to begin. I look forward to seeing you and thank you for the privilege of helping your child grow.

Sincerely,  
Sue Sneath, Ed.D. ~ NHES Principal

