Summer Update

Dear Commerce Families,

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and are creating special memories with friends and family. Our Commerce staff is enjoying a well-deserved break and are also engaged in their own summer learning. Summer provides valuable time for professional development like workshops, book studies, and planning with their grade level teams. We can’t wait for a new beginning with our Commerce kids!

In addition to summer fun, we hope our Commerce kids are prioritizing reading. Just a few minutes of reading each day will help prevent the “summer slide” and ensure your child is ready for the upcoming year. Don’t forget! The Commerce Township Library has a wonderful summer reading program. CLICK HERE for more information. Thank you for supporting our learners at home.

Over the next few weeks, we will send out periodic e-mails with updates and important dates. This is also a good time to also review our Family Handbook (especially if you are a new Commerce family).

I’m pleased to share a handful of staffing changes that occurred over the summer...

- **Dan Love** will be starting a new adventure as head teacher at Meadowbrook Elementary! We will miss Mr. Love but we are confident that he will do great things at Meadowbrook. We are fortunate that Mr. Love will still be around as a Cougar Dad! Congratulations, Mr. Love!

- **Kylie (Bielenda) Moore** will be returning to Commerce and joining our 2nd grade team. Mrs. Moore was a student teacher at Commerce in Miss Farough’s classroom a few years ago. Last year, she taught first grade at Pleasant Lake. We are excited to welcome Kylie back and know she have a great year with her new 2nd graders!

- **Carley Dunphey** will be joining our school family as our new head teacher! The four largest elementary schools (Commerce, Keith, Meadowbrook, and Hickory Woods) will have additional support this year in the form of head teachers. These positions are funded by a grant (not the district’s general fund). A head teacher is similar to an assistant principal. So, Mrs. Dunphey will be supporting school improvement initiatives, facilitating professional development, supporting students’ behavioral or social-emotional needs, and much more! Mrs. Dunphey will be sending out an introductory e-mail in the coming weeks. We are thrilled to have her join our school family and are confident she will help make Commerce even better for our kids!

I am looking forward to seeing both new and returning Commerce Cougars in a few weeks! I can’t wait to see their big smiles, give some hugs and high-fives, and hear about their summer adventures. It’s going to be the best year yet at Commerce Elementary!

Please keep reading for additional back-to-school information. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Christina Carlin
Proud Principal, Commerce Elementary
**Important Dates**

**Back-to-School Online Registration is now OPEN!**

**Friday, August 16th**
Class Assignments Posted on Skyward

**Monday, August 26th**
Teacher Meet and Greet - 3:30-4:30pm
 Commerce Comeback - 3:30-5:30pm

**Tuesday, August 27th**
The First Day of School!
Full Day for 1st-5th, Half Day for Kindergarten

Please click on our school calendar on our [website](#) for additional dates. You can also sync our calendar with your phone or device!

| Suggested school supply lists are available on our website. CLICK HERE for more information. | The Main Office reopens August 9th  
Summer Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm |

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**Back-to-School Online “Packet” (Registration)**

Each school year, parents/guardians must complete our back-to-school “packet” on Skyward Family Access (also referred to as registration). This is different than enrollment and is required for both new and previous students. Parents/guardians update student information, emergency contacts, and provide other necessary information. The registration window is now open and must be completed prior to August 16th in order to see your child’s classroom assignment. CLICK HERE to get started!

**Classroom/Teacher Assignments**

Classroom/teacher assignments will be posted on Skyward Family Access after 4:00 pm on **August 16th**. We know that our kids are anxiously awaiting this information! Please remember that our top priority is to develop balanced classrooms that will give all of our children the best opportunity for success this year. Our staff worked extremely hard on classroom placement throughout the Spring and Summer. Thank you for trusting us with this important process.

Please remember that parents had the opportunity to give input via our “Parent Input” survey last Spring. Once class assignments are posted on Skyward we are not able to change students’ placements. For privacy and confidentiality reasons, class lists will not be posted on the front doors of our school which was a past tradition. Please plan on logging into Skyward Family Access after 4:00 on August 16th. (Directions HERE)

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**There is still time to enroll for September 2019 Preschool!**

Don’t Delay! Some preschool classes are now closed and the others are quickly filling up!

- Tuition programs available at Dublin, Glengary, Pleasant Lake, Twin Sun, Walled Lake & Guest
- FREE grant-funded GSRP programs are available for both 3’s and 4’s, 248-956-5089

*Find out which program is right for your family!* 248.956.5080 or [www.wlcisd.org/preschool](http://www.wlcisd.org/preschool)
Welcome, NEW Commerce Cougars!

We want to give a special welcome to our new Commerce Cougars. We look forward to meeting you! Please take some time to review our school website and especially our Family Handbook (www.wlcisd.org/commerce). We hope to see you on August 26th when students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers and have some fun at the Commerce Comeback! In the meantime, please let us know if you have ANY questions. We are happy to help!

Incoming Kindergartners: We will be sending out separate e-mails to our Kindergarten families with specific information about the first day of school and other important information. Our kindergartners will have a staggered start with half of our students attending in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. An additional e-mail with more information is coming. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions!

Do you know of a new Commerce family??? Please remind them to finish the enrollment process ASAP! This helps us adequately prepare. New enrollments impact class sizes and section numbers...the earlier we know, the better we can plan! (LINK HERE)

The 2019 Commerce Elementary COLOR RUN has been set for Friday, September 27th and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The PTA is looking for:

Corporate Sponsors for this years COLOR RUN. It’s $250 to sponsor one of our Color Stations.

Do you have a local business or know someone who does? Sponsorship includes shoutouts in our weekly Commerce Connection, Facebook Posts, and signage at the event. Promote your Business and support Commerce Elementary with a tax-deductible donation!

If you are interested in being one of our sponsors, Please Contact:

Crystal Darling crystall0515@gmail.com
Keli Hoglin kellcuttal9@aol.com

Mark Your Calendars!!
COLOR RUN
Friday, September 27th
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**Communication is Key!**

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