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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you, our educational partners, to another school year. The Kissel Hill Staff is feeling the energy and motivation of our students as we emerge from our first few days of school.

Kissel Hill has several exciting adventures this year. For instance, we have a new math series in grades K-6 and students are using these new materials in their classrooms. In addition, we continue to add technology into our classrooms as instructional tools. Ask your child about the adventures of our new math series and the use of technology within his/her classrooms.

At the start of the year, you received a Parent/Student Handbook. We encourage you to review the handbook and discuss the information with your child.

We encourage parents to become involved in your child's education. There are many opportunities available through our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) or by volunteering in your child's classroom. Warwick School District has a new volunteer policy this year. To learn more about this policy, please see the Warwick School District Website or stop by the school office. In addition, **all parents interested in volunteering should plan to attend our volunteer training on October 1st at 9:30am or 6:30pm in the Kissel Hill Elementary School Cafeteria.** This meeting is immediately following our PTO Homeroom Parent meeting on October 1st at 9:15am and 6:15pm. All volunteers will need to be approved and trained before volunteering in our classrooms.

On the reverse side of this letter are a few friendly reminders and updates about Kissel Hill Elementary School operations.

Our parent partnerships make Kissel Hill Elementary a great place to be! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

Wishing you and your child a great school year,

Melanie M. Calender
Principal

Kissel Hill Reminders and Updates

- *Drop off & pick up:* This year all students enter and exit through the main lobby doors (near the office) except for A.M. Kindergarten who are picked up at the Kindergarten entrance. Parents who are picking up students are encouraged to stay outside the entry doors at drop off and pick up times. If parents need to enter the building for any reason, please enter the school office to receive a visitor's badge.
- *Attendance Phone Calls:* New this year! An automated phone call will be placed to the parents of absent students. The calls will be made to all numbers on the emergency card. Please contact the school if you have a question or if there is an error. If your child is going to be absent, you do not need to call the school office in advance. Reminder – excuse cards are due back within 3 days of the absence.
- *Deliveries:* If you deliver items for your child (i.e. forgotten lunch, glasses, sneakers), please plan to drop off those items in the office. In an effort to reduce instructional interruptions, your child should check the office for those items throughout the school day.
- *School Access:* Kissel Hill Elementary School hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Students may have classroom access until 4:00 p.m.
- *Parking:* For safety reasons, please observe the no parking zones, including crosswalks, when you are visiting Kissel Hill Elementary School.
- *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!* Warwick elementary schools are making an effort to reduce the paper copies we distribute. Please check our website regularly for updates and postings. In October we will begin using the e-mail address on the Emergency Cards to send information to parents including lunch menus, Principal letters, newsletters, etc. Paper copies will be available for parents of children who do not have Internet access. You can update e-mail addresses by sending that information to your child's teacher.
- *PSSA Dates:* Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) dates are listed below.

Assessment	Dates	Grades
PSSA Reading & Math PSSA-Modified Reading & Math	April 7-16, 2010	3 through 6
PSSA Writing	April 19-23, 2010	5
PSSA Science PSSA-Modified Science	April 26-30, 2010	4