

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer with your children. Be it travel, camp, or family time that fills the coming days, I hope you all are able to take advantage of the more relaxed pace of the summer months.

Having finished out the year strong, we now turn our attention to the upcoming school year, which will be here before we know it! We would like to take this opportunity to share some important information as you, too, begin planning for the upcoming school year.

- **Summer work suggestions:**
 - *Summer Reading* - [Click here](#) for lots of suggestions for engaging summer reading from the South Carolina Book Award Nominees. This year we are using a Summer Reading BINGO card to help you and your child keep track of the summer reading fun. Fill in this [Bingo card](#) and bring it to class the first week of school for a chance to join us for a popsicle party!
 - *Summer Math Skills Book* - If you are interested, you may purchase the optional [summer workbook](#) and complete daily exercises.

- **LS Uniforms:** Lower School students follow the daily dress code of the rest of the school community. **(The first uniform day for LS children will be Wednesday, Aug. 18, the first day of school.)** There are a wide variety of options available at The Plaid Peddler, our campus bookstore. The bookstore hours are listed on the Back-to-School page of the Heathwood website. Alternatively, you can also purchase Heathwood logo attire from the Lands' End uniform division using our school code, 900068206. Please reach out to Cecelia Powell, cpowell@heathwood.org, with any questions you may have regarding uniform availability and bookstore hours.

- **Backpacks and Supplies:** Children should come to school with a standard-size backpack, however, additional school supplies are not necessary. Those materials are all covered by the supply fee and are therefore provided by the school.

- **Class Placement:** Emails regarding class placement will be sent out on **Wednesday, Aug. 4**. The email will contain information about how to sign-up for the orientation and/or class visits. Your child will also receive a postcard from his/her classroom teacher on or about that day.

- **Orientation to Heathwood and class visits for families NEW to HHES:** Each **NEW family** will receive an email invitation on July 30 to a group orientation meeting, followed by a visit to the classroom to meet the teachers. **New Families Orientation** will take place the morning of Monday, August 16, at your designated time - either 8:30 - 9:30 am; 9:30 - 10:30 am; or 10:30 - 11:30 am.

- **Our visiting day for RETURNING families will be Tuesday, Aug. 17**
 - All **RETURNING families entering Kindergarten** are invited to visit the K classroom and meet teachers on Tuesday, August 17, as a part of a small group. Those visits will be scheduled between 8:30 and 10:30 am. Sign-up opportunities will be forthcoming in the Class Placement email.
 - All **RETURNING families entering 1st - 4th grade** are invited to drop-in to visit LS classrooms and meet teachers on Tuesday, August 17, between 8:30 and 10:30 am.

If you are new to Heathwood, we are so excited to have your family join our school community and we hope it is the beginning of a long and collaborative relationship. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing everyone here again in August. Have a happy summer!

With kind regards,

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