Terminal Park Elementary 1101 D St SE Auburn, WA 98002

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Terminal Park families,

We hope the school year is off to a great start for you! The following information is intended to help you be more aware of what is happening at our school and better able to partner with us.

School Environment

We want all of our students to have a positive experience at school. Our Tiger Expectations (Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Give Your Best Learning Effort) guide our students' behavior. Please talk with your child about the importance of following these expectations. The safety of each student is our top priority. We strive to teach appropriate behavior, practice emergency procedures, and supervise students carefully. We welcome your feedback and collaboration to help us improve our school environment.

Tiger Character Traits

Throughout the school year we will teach the following Tiger Character Traits that are important for our students to develop: integrity, respect, compassion, responsibility, and perseverance. During September and October we are focusing on integrity, which includes being honest, having courage to do what is right, being reliable and keeping your word, being loyal, and striving to do your best. We hope you will ask your child about integrity and how to apply this important character trait at school as well as outside of school. Integrity is an important part of success in all areas and stages of life.

Student and Family Handbook

An updated Terminal Park <u>Student and Family Handbook</u> was recently posted on our website under the "Our School" and "For Students" tabs. We are sharing the handbook electronically to reduce the use of paper; however, if you don't have Internet access at home and would like a paper copy of the handbook, we will make a copy for you upon request. There are only minor changes to the previous version of the handbook, but please review it to make sure you are familiar with its contents. If you're new to Terminal Park and haven't read

the handbook yet, please make sure to read it carefully.

Visitors

We want all parents/guardians to feel welcome in our school, but we ask that you leave promptly after dropping off students in the morning so that teachers and students can focus on learning and we can enforce building security. Any visitors in the building after school starts at 8:40 a.m. must sign in at the main office and wear a visitor's badge.

Parking and Drop-off/Pickup

Please be courteous of neighboring residents when parking by our school. Please never block driveways. Also, please never drive through the bus lane. You can drop off or pick up your child in the parking lot on the south side of campus or by pulling up along 10th street at the northeast corner of campus. Sometimes you may need to park further down the street and walk. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation.

PLC Late Start Mondays

Auburn School District has scheduled Professional Learning Community (PLC) late start Mondays on most Mondays. Please make sure you have a current calendar of these dates where you can reference it each week. School will start and buses will run one hour late on these days. For more information, please see the PLC page of our district website: www.auburn.wednet.edu/plc.

PTA

The PTA is an important part of our school. As you receive information about PTA membership, fundraisers, and volunteering, please do your best to participate. Everyone doing a little bit adds up to a lot of support for our students.

We're looking forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year!

Sincerely, Tom Dudley, Principal

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ATTENDANCE IS A PRIORITY THIS YEAR WITH THE AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT. EACH ABSENCE MUST BE EXCUSED OR A MEETING WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS WILL BE NECESSARY. PLEASE PHONE (253 931 4978) SEND A NOTE THE FOLLOWING DAY OR THE BEST OPTION IS TO CONTACT ME PERSONALLY WITH AN EMAIL (ascarlett@auburn.wednet.edu) TO EXCUSE YOUR STUDENT.